

## Killing Rampage In Santa Monica

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**SANTA MONICA, California** (AP) — Two people were found dead Friday in a burned home, apparent victims of a shooting rampage that killed a woman and injured at least five people before the shooter was wounded at nearby Santa Monica College, authorities said.



Los Angeles Police officers detain an unidentified man near a shooting at Santa Monica College, Friday, June 7, 2013, in Santa Monica, Calif.

(AP Photo/Tami Abdollah)

Police and witnesses said the chaos began shortly before noon when a man dressed in black opened fire on a house in this normally idyllic coastal community, then fired on a car and wounded the driver before taking off in another car.

From there, the chaos moved a few blocks away to Santa Monica College, where witnesses reported vehicles on a street corner being sprayed with gunfire. Authorities believe at least one shooter, and possibly two, fled from there onto the campus, where California Highway Patrol Officer Vince Ramirez said one suspect was wounded and taken into custody.

Several students in the library reported hearing gunfire, and one witness said he heard a woman scream.

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## Government Not Eavesdropping



President Barack Obama speaks during a visit to Mooresville Middle School to promote technology in schools in Mooresville, N.C., June 6, 2013. The U.S. government has been compiling a huge database of calling logs of Americans' domestic communications under a hotly debated section of the Patriot Act for at least seven years, the top lawmakers on the Senate Intelligence Committee said on Thursday.

(Christopher Gregory/The New York Times)

## White House stands by revealed spy programs

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Barack Obama declared Friday that America is "going to have to make some choices" balancing privacy and security, launching a vigorous defense of formerly secret programs that sweep up an estimated 3 billion phone calls a day and amass Internet data from U.S. providers in an attempt to thwart terror attacks. He warned that it will be harder to detect threats against the U.S. now that the two top-secret tools to target terrorists have been so thoroughly publicized. At turns defensive and defiant, Obama stood by the

spy programs revealed this week.

The National Security Agency has been collecting the phone records of hundreds of millions of Americans each day, creating a database through which it can learn whether terror suspects have been in contact with people in the U.S. It also was disclosed this week that the NSA has been gathering all Internet usage — audio, video, photographs, emails and searches — from nine major U.S. Internet providers, including Microsoft and Google, in hopes of detecting suspicious behavior that begins overseas.

"Nobody is listening to your telephone calls," Obama assured the nation after

two days of reports that many found unsettling. What the government is doing, he said, is digesting phone numbers and the durations of calls, seeking links that might "identify potential leads with respect to folks who might engage in terrorism." If there's a hit, he said, "if the intelligence community then actually wants to listen to a phone call, they've got to go back to a federal judge, just like they would in a criminal investigation."

While Obama said the aim of the programs is to make America safe, he offered no specifics about how the surveillance programs have done this. House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers, R-

Mich., on Thursday said the phone records sweeps had thwarted a domestic terror attack, but he also didn't offer specifics. Obama asserted his administration had tightened the phone records collection program since it started in the George W. Bush administration and is auditing the programs to ensure that measures to protect Americans' privacy are heeded — part of what he called efforts to resist a mindset of "you know, 'Trust me, we're doing the right thing. We know who the bad guys are.'" But again, he provided no details on how the program was tightened or what the audit is looking at.

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# Club of rich, powerful meet in secret near London

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**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — It's a busy weekend at the luxury Grove Hotel, favored haunt of British soccer players and their glitz-loving spouses.

More than 100 of the world's most powerful people are at the former manor house near London for a secretive annual gathering that has attained legendary status in the eyes of anti-capitalist protesters and conspiracy theorists.

The guest list for the Bilderberg meeting includes Google executive chair-

inent politicians, thinkers and business leaders has been held annually at a series of secluded venues in Europe and North America.

What happens at Bilderberg, stays at Bilderberg. There is no media access and the public is kept away by a large security operation. The group says that "there is no detailed agenda, no resolutions are proposed, no votes are taken, and no policy statements are issued."

But in a move toward slightly more openness, the group now has a website,

ers, who sense a shadowy global elite at work in the secretive meeting.

"When 130 of the leaders from all across the West get together, and many of these are billionaires, they are people who are immensely wealthy and immensely powerful," said Michael Meacher, a lawmaker from Britain's Labour Party.

"And when they all get together, it's not just to have a chat about the latest problem, it is to concert plans for the future of capitalism in the West. That is on a very different scale."

reached by email since no phone number is listed — said there is nothing sinister about the gathering.

"We disclose the date, the location, the participants and the key topics of the conference," Xander Heijnen said. "Many groups of people meet without announcing it publicly at all, without disclosing who is taking part and without giving any key topics."

"The meetings broaden the participants' range of viewpoints, help them to gain insights and exchange views," he said. "It seems illogical to ar-

## Canada warns of tariffs against U.S. products

**TORONTO (AP)** — Canada warned Friday that it may impose tariffs on everything from orange juice to bread if the United States doesn't change a meat-labeling policy that Canadian beef and pork industries say is costing them more than CA\$1 billion (US\$979 million) a year. The federal government on Friday released a long list of agriculture and other products that could be affected by Canada's retaliation in an ongoing dispute over U.S. country-of-origin meat-labeling rules. The regulations require tracking beef, chicken and hogs from livestock through the meat processing and distribution systems, which Canada says is unduly burdensome and costly. Canada's potential retaliation list includes U.S. cattle, pigs, beef, pork, cheese, pasta, some fruits and vegetables, chocolate and maple syrup. There are also some non-food items such as office furniture. "Free and unfettered trade is a two-way street," Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz said at a news conference Friday. "These retaliatory measures, should we be forced to bring them into effect, will affect our producers and consumers on both sides of the border. "It is by no means our preferred course of action, but we will continue to stand with Canadian hog and cattle producers against mandatory country-of-origin labeling." Ritz said if Canada follows through with the retaliatory measures, it would cost the U.S. money and jobs. He acknowledged such tariffs could also mean that Canadian consumers would have to pay more for the products. "We are hoping that this will bring enough pressure to the Americans to make the change before this ever has to be implemented." In 2009, the U.S. issued a requirement that retail outlets put country of origin labels on meat and other products in an effort to give U.S. consumers more information about their food.



**Security personnel search people as they arrive at the Grove Hotel, Watford, England, ahead of the Bilderberg Group meeting. The annual forum for prominent politicians, thinkers and business leaders has been held since 1954 in either Europe or North America. No minutes are taken, there is no media access and the public is kept away by a large security operation.**

(AP Photo/PA, Nick Ansell)

man Eric Schmidt, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde and former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. British Prime Minister David Cameron is due to drop by Friday.

The Bilderberg Group was set up in 1954 to support military and economic cooperation between Europe and North America during the Cold War.

Named for the site of its first meeting — the Bilderberg Hotel in Oosterbeek, Holland — the forum for prom-

which lists attendees and key topics for discussion, including the economy, U.S. foreign policy, "cyber warfare and the proliferation of asymmetric threats" and "major trends in medical research."

Invitees include British Treasury chief George Osborne, Goldman Sachs chairman Peter Sutherland and Thomas Enders, CEO of aerospace company EADS.

Publication of these details has done little to ease the concerns of protest-

Others go even further, putting Bilderberg at the heart of a global web of conspiracy. The protesters in Watford include U.S. talk-radio host and Sept. 11 "truther" Alex Jones, and former professional soccer player David Icke, who believes the world is run by a race of reptiles in human form.

Demonstrators plan to hold a "Bilderberg fringe" festival outside the hotel until the conference ends Sunday.

A Bilderberg spokesman —

gue that a meeting of individuals designed to give and obtain fresh insights, somehow 'undermines democracy.'" That message has not swayed protesters like Judd Charlton, a ventriloquist from London who showed up Thursday to jeer at cars with blacked-out windows entering the hotel compound.

"We are basically here to bring down the parasites who are drug dealers and bank collapsers who seem to want to destroy this world," he said.



# White House stands by revealed spy programs

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The furor this week has divided Congress, and led civil liberties advocates and some constitutional scholars to accuse Obama of crossing a line in the name of rooting out terror threats.

Obama, himself a constitutional lawyer, strove to calm Americans' fears — but also remind them that Congress and the courts had signed off on the surveillance. "I think the American people understand that there are some trade-offs involved," Obama said when questioned by reporters at a health care event in San Jose, Calif.

"It's important to recognize that you can't have 100 percent security and also then have 100 percent privacy and zero inconvenience," he said. "We're going to have to make some choices as a society. And what I can say is that in evaluating these programs, they make a difference in our capacity to anticipate and prevent possible terrorist activity." Obama said U.S. intelligence officials are looking at phone numbers and lengths of calls — not at people's names — and not listening in.

The two classified surveillance programs were revealed this week in newspaper reports that showed, for the first time, how deeply the National Security Agency dives into telephone and Internet data to look for security threats. The new details were first reported by The Guardian and The Washington Post, and prompted Director of National Intelligence James Clapper to take the unusual and reluctant step of acknowledging the programs' existence.

Obama echoed intelligence experts — both inside and outside the government — who predicted that potential attackers will find other, secretive ways to communicate now that they know that their phone and Internet records may be targeted.

"The bad folks' anten-

nas go back up and they become more cautious for a period of time," said former Rep. Pete Hoekstra, a Republican who sat on the House Intelligence Committee for a decade, including as chairman for nearly three years. He said

ful intelligence," Hoekstra said Friday. "People will start putting in protocols to protect themselves from intelligence gathering. It will have a negative effect. But we'll just keep coming up with more sophisticated ways to dig into these

court orders.

In the immediate years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the government began collecting data from U.S. telephone companies, looking at whether overseas terror suspects were calling phone numbers in

to get approval. In 2006, after the telephone surveillance was first revealed and amid a public outcry, a secret court was tasked with approving all of the government requests for the records — amounting to as many as 3 billion phone calls daily. But until this week, it was not widely known how many phone records were noted, or how often. The NSA seizure of website and Internet provider records was even more secretive, and began only in the past few years. Clapper said those records, too, are released only with secret court orders, and monitors look only for documents that appear to have come from overseas. The data are not to be used to target U.S. citizens, and the government must try to minimize any information that was mistakenly taken from Americans. It was not immediately clear how intelligence analysts weed out Americans' online documents from those sent by a citizen of another country. And it's unknown if Internet communications from citizens of the closest U.S. allies — like Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand — are examined. □



**Students photograph President Barack Obama as he greets students to promote technology in schools at Mooresville Middle School in Mooresville, N.C., June 6, 2013. The U.S. government has been compiling a huge database of calling logs of Americans' domestic communications under a hotly debated section of the Patriot Act for at least seven years, the top lawmakers on the Senate Intelligence Committee said on Thursday.**

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he approved the phone surveillance program but did not know about the online spying.

"So right now, with these organizations and individuals we're trying to track, we'll see a drop-off in the ability of these tools to get beneficial or meaning-

data. It becomes a techies game, and we will try to come up with new tools to cut through the clutter."

For example, extremists could start using online providers that do not have servers based in the U.S. and therefore do not have to comply with American

the U.S. The program does not allow the government to listen in on calls, but it can track where a call was placed and how long it lasted. If intelligence officials single out phone numbers that they want to target for eavesdropping, they must return to court

## 3 dead in shooting, burned home near US campus

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The campus was searched for a second shooter, and a man dressed entirely in black, with the words "Life is a Gamble" on the back of his sweatshirt, was seen being taken into custody by law enforcement officers. He did not appear to be wounded.

All of this unfolded about 3 miles (5 kilometers) from where President Barack Obama was attending a fundraising luncheon.

Three women with gunshot wounds were admitted to Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, said Dr. Marshall Morgan, the chief of emergency medicine. One died, another was in surgery, and the third was in serious condition but do-

ing well, he said.

Three other women went to UCLA Medical Center Santa Monica with rela-

tively minor injuries, Morgan said. One has shrapnel-type injuries and the two others had injuries not

related to gunfire, he said. Jeff Furrows of the Santa Monica Fire Department said there was extensive fire damage inside the home where the two bodies were found, and one of the wounded women was found with a gunshot wound in a car nearby.

The two-year college, with about 34,000 students, was in the midst of final exams Friday. It was quickly locked down by police, and students were told to leave.

As the drama unfolded, Obama was attending a fundraising luncheon about 3 miles away.

Secret Service spokesman Max Milien said the agency was aware of the shooting but it had no impact on the president's event. □



**A Santa Monica police officer leads children on a field trip from Citizens of the World Charter School in Los Angeles out of Santa Monica College, where they had gone for a planetarium show, following a shooting in the area, in Santa Monica, Calif., Friday, June 7, 2013.**

(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)



# Prosecutors recommend 4 years for Jesse Jackson Jr.

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Prosecutors Friday recommended four years in prison for former Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., following his guilty plea this year on criminal charges that he engaged in a scheme to spend \$750,000 in campaign funds on personal items.

The government suggested an 18-month sentence for Jackson's wife, Sandra, who pleaded guilty to filing false joint federal income tax returns that understated the couple's income. The government is also recommending that Jackson pay \$750,000 in restitution to the campaign and that Sandra Jackson make a restitution payment of

\$168,000.

Because the couple has two children, prosecutors proposed that the sentences be staggered, with Sandra Jackson going first.

According to the government, she could be out of prison in little over a year with credit for satisfactory behavior and serving the end of her sentence in



**Former Illinois Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. arrives at federal in Washington. Prosecutors are recommending four years in prison for Jackson following his guilty plea this year on criminal charges that he engaged in a scheme to spend \$750,000 in campaign funds on personal items. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)**

home confinement. Both Jacksons are scheduled to be sentenced on July 3.

Jesse Jackson's lawyer, meanwhile, asked the judge to sentence Jackson to a term below guidelines. Under federal sentencing guidelines, the range is 46 to 57 months in prison. The lawyer, Reid H. Weingarten, argued that Jackson's ongoing treatment for depression and bipolar disorder, his record of good works and his family and community ties all support leniency. Jackson's sentencing memo includes about five pages of redacted material on his health issues, and a few redacted lines on other issues. Jackson, who had been a Democratic congressman from Illinois from 1995 until he resigned last November, used campaign money to buy items that included a \$43,350 gold-plated men's Rolex watch and \$9,587.64 worth of children's furniture, and his wife spent \$5,150 on fur capes and parkas.

In Friday's 45-page sentencing memo, prosecutors urged the judge to take into account the advantages Jackson, the son of a famed civil rights leader, had in his life. Jackson "chose to steal hundreds of thousands of dollars despite having advantages in life and financial resources that few possess and that most can only dream of obtaining," the prosecutors wrote. They noted that

his yearly salary as a congressman ranged from \$133,600 to \$174,000, and that his wife's salary as Chicago alderman was also six figures. The memo said that Jackson's campaign paid his wife's consulting firm \$5,000 a month during the time of the conspiracy — \$340,500 in total.

"Before defendant or his wife stole a dime, they received substantial incomes," the government wrote, adding that in 2011, for example, their combined income was around \$344,000 — putting them among the nation's high earners. "This offense, at its core, is about greed and entitlement: defendant wanting more than even his substantial resources could afford him and believing he was entitled to both the items desired and campaign funds to purchase those items," the government said.

Prosecutors also argued that Jackson's behavior threatened to deter people from making campaign contributions and participating in the political process.

In a 22-page statement filed by prosecutors in February, Jackson admitted that he and his wife used campaign credit cards to buy 3,100 personal items worth \$582,772.58 from 2005 through April 2012. Personal expenditures at restaurants, nightclubs and lounges amounted to \$60,857.04. □

## Castro faces 329 charges in missing women case

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Prosecutors say a man accused of holding three women captive for a decade has been indicted on 329 charges including kidnapping and rape.

A grand jury returned the indictment Friday against Ariel Castro, a former school bus driver fired last fall. The grand jury charged Castro with one count of aggravated murder, saying he purposely caused the unlawful termination of a pregnancy.

Castro is accused of kidnapping Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight and holding them captive along with a 6-year-old girl he fathered with Berry.

He also was indicted on charges including 139 counts of rape, 177 counts of kidnapping and multiple counts of gross sexual imposition and felonious assault. Castro's attorneys have said he would plead not guilty to any indictment. □

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# California serial killer Ramirez dies of liver failure

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Richard Ramirez, the demonic serial killer known as the Night Stalker who left satanic signs at murder scenes and mutilated victims' bodies during a reign of terror in the 1980s, died early Friday in a hospital, a prison official said. Ramirez, 53, had been taken from San Quentin's death row to a hospital where authorities said he died of liver failure. Prison officials said they could not release further details on the cause of death, citing federal patient privacy laws. Ramirez had been housed on death row for decades and was awaiting execution, even though it has been years since anyone has been put to death in California.

At his first court appearance, Ramirez raised a hand with a pentagram drawn on it and yelled, "Hail, Satan."

His marathon trial, which ended in 1989, was a horror show in which jurors heard about one dead victim's eyes being gouged out and another's head being nearly severed. Courtroom observers wept when survivors of some of the attacks testified.

Ramirez was convicted of 13 murders that terrorized Southern California in 1984 and 1985 as well as charges of rape, sodomy, oral copulation, burglary and attempted murder.

The killing spree reached its peak in the hot summer of 1985, as the nocturnal killer entered homes through unlocked windows and doors and killed men and women with gunshot blasts to the head or knives to the throat, sexually assaulted

female victims, and burglarized the residences. He was dubbed the "Night Stalker" by the press while residents were warned to lock their doors and windows at night.

Some of the crimes were grisly beyond imagining: A man was murdered in his bed and his wife was raped beside the dead body. The killer beat a small child and attempted to sodomize him. There were also signs of devil worship — a pentagram drawn on the wall at one murder scene and survivors' accounts of being ordered to "swear to Satan" by the killer.

Ramirez was finally chased down and beaten in 1985 by residents of a blue-collar East Los Angeles neighborhood as he attempted a carjacking. They recognized him after his picture appeared that day in the news media.

The trial of Ramirez took a year, but the entire case — bogged down in pretrial motions and appeals — lasted four years, making it one of the longest criminal cases in U.S. history.

Because of the notoriety, more than 1,600 prospective jurors were called.

The trial was almost aborted in its final stages when a woman juror was murdered during deliberations. Jurors were 13 days into talks when the juror failed to appear one morning. She was found beaten and shot to death at the home she shared with her boyfriend. The next day, the man committed suicide and left a note saying he killed her in an argument.

Jurors wept when they learned of the tragedy, and Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael Tynan was faced with one of his most trying legal chal-



This 1985 file photo shows Richard Ramirez, center, known as the Night Stalker shows a pentagram on the palm of his hand in court. California corrections officials say convicted serial killer Ramirez, known as the Night Stalker, has died in prison. San Quentin State Prison spokesman Lt. Sam Robinson says Ramirez died Friday, June 7, 2013.

(AP Photo)

lenges. Lawyers said there were no legal precedents for the situation.

Defense attorneys argued the jurors were too distraught to resume their talks and noted the murder was similar to the gruesome attacks attributed to the "Night Stalker."

Tynan decided to move forward. "We must get on with the task life has given us," he told jurors, ordering them to begin deliberations with an alternate juror.

Jurors later said the death of the juror did not influence their decision.

After his conviction, Ramirez flashed a two-fingered "devil sign" to photographers and muttered a single word: "Evil." □




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## Texas woman charged in Obama ricin letter threat

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**TEXARKANA, Texas (AP)** — A pregnant actress who told FBI agents her husband had sent ricin-tainted letters to President Barack Obama and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg was charged Friday with threatening the president. Shannon Guess Richardson made an initial court appearance after being charged with mailing a threatening communication to the president. She could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted, U.S. attorney's office spokeswoman Davilyn Walston said. Richardson, 35, was arrested

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rested earlier in the day for allegedly mailing the ricin-laced letters last month. It wasn't immediately clear if she had an attorney. FBI agents wearing hazardous material suits were seen going in and out of Richardson's house on Wednesday in nearby New Boston, northeast of Dallas near the Arkansas and Oklahoma borders. Officials have said the search was initiated after Richardson contacted the FBI and implicated her husband, Nathaniel Richardson. John Delk, who represents Nathaniel Richardson, told the AP on Thursday that his client had filed for divorce and may have been set up by his wife. He said his client

was cooperating with authorities investigating the letters, which were sent

last month to Bloomberg, his Washington gun-control group and the White

House threatening violence against gun-control advocates.

"There are a lot of factors I'm aware of that indicate (Nathaniel Richardson) was set up in this deal by her," Delk said.

Delk said his client, a 33-year-old Army veteran, came to him to discuss a potential divorce a year ago and finally hired him on May 6, weeks before the ricin incident came to light. Delk didn't immediately return messages Friday following the arrest.

Bloomberg issued a statement Friday thanking local and federal law enforcement agencies "for their outstanding work in apprehending a suspect," saying they worked collaboratively from the outset "and will continue to do so as the investigation continues."

Shannon Richardson's resume on the Internet movie database IMDb said she has had small television roles in "The Vampire Diaries" and "The Walking Dead." She had a minor role in the movie "The Blind Side" and appeared in an Avis commercial, according to the resume.

Delk said the Richardsons were expecting their first child in October. Shannon Richardson also has five children ranging in age from 4 to 19 from other relationships, four of whom had been living with the couple in the New Boston home, the attorney said.



Shannon Richardson, right, is led from the emergency room at CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System in Texarkana, Texas, Friday, June 7, 2013. Richardson made an initial appearance in a Texarkana courtroom after being charged with mailing a threatening communication to the president.

(AP Photo/Curt Youngblood)

## California utility to close troubled nuclear plant

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The owners of Southern California's San Onofre plant announced Friday they are shutting it down for good after the discovery of damaged equipment led critics to charge it could never operate safely again. The twin reactors — situated along the Pacific Coast in the densely populated corridor of millions of people between San Diego and Los Angeles — would be the largest to shut down permanently in the U.S. in the past 50 years, federal officials said. Southern California Edison's decision brings to a sudden end a dispute that began in January 2012, when a small radiation leak led to the discovery of unusual damage to hundreds of virtually new tubes that carry radioactive water. The plant hasn't produced electricity since then. Edison has already spent

more than \$500 million on repairs and replacement power and had hoped to restart one reactor this year and run it at reduced power to eliminate the vi-

that the company concluded that "continuing uncertainty about when or if (the plant) might return to service was not good for our customers, our investors

without the plant as long as the summer is uneventful, but warned that wildfires or another disruption in supply could cause power shortages.

Environmentalists celebrated outside the front gates of the beachfront plant, and a pack of bicyclists shouted, "Shut it down!" as they went past.

Gary Headrick of San Clemente Green likened the news to births of his children: "The joy and the relief is comparable to something that big in my life, to know that 8 million people will be safe now from this supposed restart." □



Power lines make their way over a freeway towards the San Onofre nuclear power plant Friday, June 7, 2013, in San Onofre, Calif.

(AP Photo/Gregory Bull)

brations that had damaged the tubing. But the utility was facing a snarl of regulatory hurdles, investigations and mounting political opposition.

Ted Craver, chairman of SCE parent Edison International, said in a statement

or the need to plan for our region's long-term electricity needs."

San Onofre, which opened in 1968, was capable of powering 1.4 million homes. California officials have said they can make it through the hot season

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## US Financial Front:

# Employers add 175K jobs, rate edges up to 7.6%

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. economy added 175,000 jobs in May, a gain that shows employers are hiring at a still-modest but steady pace despite government spending cuts

the job figures for the previous two months. April's gain was lowered to 149,000 from 165,000. March's was increased slightly to 142,000 from 138,000. The net loss was 12,000 jobs. Investors appeared

Stock markets have gyrated in the past two weeks on speculation that the Fed would soon start to taper its \$85 billion-a-month in bond buying — a step that could raise rates and cause stock prices to fall. "I think the Fed will stay on hold," said Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at IHS Global Insight. "They want to see numbers

above 200,000 on payroll jobs on a consistent basis before they start to taper off." Behravesh said he thinks the Fed will maintain its pace of bond buying through this year before scaling it back in 2014. "Today's report is perhaps the perfect number for nervous investors," said James Marple, Senior Economist

at TD Economics. "It is strong enough to point to continued economic recovery but not so strong as to bring forward expectations of Fed tapering." Other analysts who have predicted that the Fed would start trimming its bond purchases later this year said they didn't think Friday's jobs report would change that timetable. □



**Job seeker Anu Vatal of Chicago, speaks with Patrice Tosi of BluePay, seated, during a career fair in Rolling Meadows, Ill. The U.S. economy added 175,000 jobs in May, a gain that shows employers are hiring at a still-modest but steady pace despite government spending cuts and higher taxes, according to the Labor Department, Friday, June 7, 2013.**

(AP Photo/M. Spencer Green)

and higher taxes. Analysts said the less-than-robust job growth would likely lead the Federal Reserve to maintain the pace of its monthly bond purchases for at least a few more months. The Fed has said it will keep buying bonds at the same rate until the job market improves substantially. The bond purchases have helped drive down interest rates and boost stock prices. The unemployment rate rose to 7.6 percent from 7.5 percent in April, the Labor Department said Friday. The rate rose because more people began looking for work, a healthy sign. About three-quarters found jobs. The government revised

pleased by the evidence that job growth remains steady. The Dow Jones industrial average surged 150 points in the first hour of trading. "Today's report has to be encouraging for growth in the second half of the year," said Dan Greenhaus, an analyst at BTIG LLC. It also eased worries that had arisen after economic reports earlier this week had suggested that the economy might be weakening. Employers have added an average of 155,000 jobs the past three months. But the May gain almost exactly matched the average increase of the previous 12 months: 172,000.



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## Rival Koreas make counterproposals for talks



South Korean army soldiers stand guard at Unification bridge, which leads to the demilitarized zone, near the border village of the Panmunjom in Paju, South Korea, Friday, June 7, 2013. North Korea on Friday proposed working-level talks with South Korea to be held in a border city on Sunday as the rivals look to mend ties that have plunged during recent years amid hardline stances by both countries.

(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

**FOSTER KLUG**  
**SAM KIM**  
**Associated Press**  
**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**

— The rival Koreas on Friday traded counterproposals over where to meet for talks Sunday, as mutual interest in mending abysmal ties clashed with mistrust stemming from years of animosity and hard-line stances.

South Korea's suggestion that officials meet in a truce village straddling the heavily armed border between the countries came hours after Pyongyang said it favors holding talks in its border city of Kaesong.

South Korea on Thursday had suggested high-level talks Wednesday in Seoul, but North Korea said Friday it wanted lower-level talks first because the countries' "relations have been stalemated for years and mistrust has reached the extremity."

Two officials with Seoul's Unification Ministry, which deals with North Korea matters, said South Korea made the latest proposal through a cross-border Red Cross communications line newly reopened by the North. Pyongyang didn't immediately respond to Seoul's most recent offer, but even the restoration the Red Cross line in the truce village of Panmunjom signals an easing of tensions. The line, used for exchanging messages on humanitarian and other issues, was shut down by the North in March during a weeklong period of animosity marked by North Korean threats of war and South Korean vows of counterstrikes.

Friday's developments followed the countries'

agreement a day earlier to hold talks on issues including reopening a jointly run industrial complex in Kaesong that had been the last symbol of inter-Korean co-operation before it closed this spring.

The news was welcomed on both sides of the world's most heavily fortified border.

Kwak Sok Gyong, a Pyongyang resident, told The Associated Press that the North's announcement "reflects what people want in both north and south. I think the relations between north and south should be improved as soon as possible." North Koreans interviewed by foreign media in Pyongyang often echo statements carried by the country's official state media.

In Seoul, Park Gyeong-hyun, a 17-year-old student, said the Koreas have many unresolved problems, such as families separated by the Korean War six decades ago. "So I view the talks as a positive thing because the relationship between the two Koreas will get better if the talks go well." Officials in Seoul said it wasn't yet clear what Sunday's proposed talks will focus on, if they happen. Such meetings in the past have involved lower-level officials charged with ironing out administrative details and reporting back to their bosses. The next step would be higher-level talks. The last government-level contact between the Koreas on their peninsula took place in February 2011 at Panmunjom, according to the South's Unification Ministry, which deals with North Korea issues. □

## Egypt's Morsi dismisses calls for early vote

**MAGGIE MICHAEL**  
**TONY G. GABRIEL**  
**Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — Egypt's embattled president on Friday dismissed calls for early presidential elections as clashes erupted in a northern Egyptian city and unidentified assailants torched a Cairo campaign headquarters of a youth group petitioning for Mohammed Morsi's removal from office.

In the southern city of Luxor, a Muslim cleric caused uproar during Friday prayers when described the youth group as "devils," prompting security forces to intervene to prevent clashes inside the mosque after worshippers erupted in protest against the preacher, witnesses said.

The developments come as tensions rise ahead of June 30, when Morsi marks one year in power as Egypt's first freely elected president following the 2011 uprising that toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

Clashes erupted Friday evening in downtown Cairo between security forces and members of the Black Block, a group of young masked men opposed to president Morsi's rule. Protesters hurled stones at the Central Security forces who fired back tear gas, according to the MENA State news agency. Violence has become a common feature of politics in Egypt. □

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## Israel's Tel Aviv holds annual gay pride parade

AMI BENTOV

Associated Press

**TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)** — Drag queens, politicians, grandmothers and shirtless men descended on Tel Aviv in their thousands Friday to party in the annual gay pride parade, the 15th march to be held in an Israeli city that has emerged as one of the world's most gay-friendly.

Loud dance music beat along the parade's route, with rainbows painted on participants' faces, arms and bellies. Drag queens in sequins and platform heels waved to the crowd from floats as scantily-clad men bopped and bounced to the music. Tel Aviv has become a top destination for the gay community. Tourists from Brazil, England, Russia and elsewhere partied in the Tel Aviv parade alongside Israelis on Friday.

"We love Israel. We have come four times now. The people are so nice and open minded and so lovely to us," said a tourist from Germany who gave his name as Klaus, dressed in floppy orange hat with matching high heels. "There is a lot of energy here," Klaus said. Marching with his husband, Gerhard, he noted the warm weather and the fact that Tel Aviv has a beach as attractions. Tel Aviv is one of the few places in the Middle East where gays feel free to walk hand-in-hand and kiss in public. The municipality spends some 2 million shekels (550,000 dollars) annually on the local community and on attracting gay travelers, Tel Aviv mayor Ron Huldai told Israeli Army Radio.

The first gay couple to wed in France, Vincent Autin



The first French married gay couple, Vincent Autin, third right, and his partner Bruno Boileau, center, participate in the annual Gay Pride parade in Tel Aviv, Israel, Friday, June 7, 2013. France passed the law permitting same-sex marriage last month, and Autin and Boileau were the first same-sex couple to married.

(AP Photo/Oded Balilty)

and Bruno Boileau, who tied the knot last week in a politically charged ceremony, are now honeymooning in Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv's openness stands in contrast to Jerusalem, just a short drive away, dominated by strictly Orthodox Jews and with a much smaller gay scene. In 2005, an ultra-Orthodox

protester there stabbed three marchers at a gay pride parade.

Despite its more open reputation, Tel Aviv has also experienced violence.

The parade came just after police announced they had arrested four suspects in connection with the killing of two people at a gay youth center in Tel Aviv four years ago, what was then seen as the most homophobic attack in Israel's history. Police said Friday they were no longer treating the killings as a hate crime, saying the motive was of a personal nature. Gay community leaders said they still believed the two victims were killed because of their sexual orientation.

While the mood was tinged by the news of the arrests, thousands still paraded through Tel Aviv. A beach party was set for post-march revelry. □

## Iran candidates quarrel over nuclear talks

ALI AKBAR DAREINI

Associated Press

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — Iran's eight presidential candidates quarreled about talks with world powers over the country's disputed nuclear program Friday as they held their final televised debate ahead of next week's election.

Iran's president does not have control of central issues like nuclear development policy but does generally enjoy a close relationship with Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei that can prove influential. The issue also has come to the fore as the Islamic Republic's ailing economy has emerged as a major focus of campaigning ahead of the June 14 vote. Iran is suffering from 30 percent inflation and 14 percent unemployment. Western oil and banking sanc-

tions over its refusal to stop uranium enrichment have deeply cut its revenues. The U.S. and its allies fear that Iran may be aiming to develop a nuclear weapon, a charge Tehran denies.

Iran was referred to the U.N. Security Council after President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad came to power in 2005 with a bombastic style and hard-line platform.

Iran's former nuclear negotiator, the centrist Hasan Rowhani, suggested a more conciliatory stance at the negotiating table.

"We should look broadly. Once people live under economic hardships, their dignity is undermined. It's very good to see (nuclear) centrifuges rotating but only when people could make ends meet, when factories and industry could run smoothly," he said. "All our problems (under Ah-

madinejad) are because all efforts were not made to prevent the (nuclear) dossier from being sent to the Security Council."

Most of the sanctions, leveled for Iran's refusal to stop uranium enrichment, have been imposed during the tenure of Iran's main nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili, who also is running for president.

Jalili, a Khamenei loyalist and the most hard-line of the eight candidates, accused Rowhani of appeasing the West, attacking his record as chief negotiator and saying he temporarily shut down the country's program a decade ago out of fear.

"Rowhani says in his book that Iran received little, (Europeans) didn't keep their promise and instead came forward with more demands," he said. □

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## UN: Syria refugees could reach 3.5M this year

**FRANK JORDANS**  
**Associated Press**

**BERLIN (AP)** — The number of Syrian refugees in neighboring countries could more than double to 3.5 million by the end of the year, the United Nations said Friday as the global body launched its biggest humanitarian appeal ever. The U.N. asked donor countries for \$5.2 billion to help alleviate the suffering of millions of people inside and outside Syria who are struggling with the effects of a conflict that has dragged on for more than two years.

"We expect that we might reach 3.5 million refugees by the end of the year," U.N. refugee chief Antonio Guterres told a news conference in Geneva.

Around 1.6 million people have already sought refuge in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt. Another 7,000 refugees are crossing the border each day, he said.

"If the fighting doesn't stop, we risk an explosion in the Middle East for which the international community is simply not prepared," Guterres said, noting that Lebanon and Jordan in particular have borne the financial brunt of hosting about 500,000 Syrian refugees each.

In an unusual move, the two countries joined the U.N. appeal and asked international donors for \$450 million and \$380 million, respectively. Aid agencies requested just under \$3 billion to help people who have fled Syria, and \$1.4 billion to pay for humanitarian operations inside the country.

The new appeal presented at an international conference in Geneva is a sharp increase from the \$3 billion

the global body had previously estimated it would need this year, of which only \$1.4 billion has so far been pledged.

Still, Guterres sought to put the \$5.2 billion appeal into perspective, noting that it was dwarfed by recent bailouts of Western banks and equivalent to "what the Americans spend on ice cream in 32 days."

"These are massive figures, but those figures mask a humanitarian tragedy," said Valerie Amos, the U.N.'s top humanitarian official, citing the toll of more than 80,000 deaths since the uprising against Bashar Assad began in March 2011. "It's estimated that two years of conflict have set back Syria's development by two decades," she added. □



A UN vehicle drives into a UN base near the Quneitra crossing between the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights and Syria, Friday, June 7, 2013. The number of Syrian refugees in neighboring countries could more than double to 3.5 million by the end of the year, the UN said Friday.

(AP Photo/Sebastian Scheiner)

## No drug policy change as OAS wraps up in Guatemala

**SONIA PEREZ DIAZ**  
**Associated Press**

**ANTIGUA, Guatemala (AP)** — The Organization of

American States ended its general assembly meeting Friday without including the themes of decriminaliz-

ing or legalizing drugs in its final declaration as some countries had hoped. The three-day OAS meet-

ing was held amid growing frustration in the region over the number of people killed in the battle against drug trafficking. Host country Guatemala, whose president has pressed for some form of legalization, had predicted the declaration would include a change in anti-drug policy. But observers and leaders at the meeting said the declaration had at least opened debate on the best way forward.

The declaration said the drug problem should be treated "with an integrated, strengthened, balanced and multi-faceted approach, with full respect for human rights and individual liberties, incorporating public health, education and social inclusion." OAS Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza noted that "the issue of legalization is not in the declaration, but it certainly is an

issue that can change. Some countries have legalized marijuana, so it is an issue that is up for discussion." Jose Miguel Vivanco, the Human Rights Watch Americas' director, noted that "these processes are by necessity slow. It is an error to think that significant changes could come out of meetings like this one."

"We have to recognize that debates like these over drug policy are something very recent," Vivanco said.

Two weeks ago, the OAS released a report calling for a serious discussion on legalizing marijuana.

The OAS study doesn't make specific proposals and found there is "no significant support" among the OAS's 35 member states for legalizing cocaine, the illegal drug with the greatest impact on Latin America, or other harsher drugs. □



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## 4 die in gym shooting in Mexico City neighborhood

**ADRIANA LICON**  
**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Two masked gunmen stormed

into a gym yelling “everyone hit the floor” and opened fire, killing four people in a tough Mexico

City neighborhood that is home to the area’s biggest black market, authorities said Friday.

Mexico City Mayor Miguel Angel Mancera said the attack appeared to be aimed at two brothers who were exercising at the gym and another man who was with them. A fourth man, identified as the gym owner, died later in the hospital after he apparently tried to intervene in the killings.

The Thursday night shooting happened in the Body Extreme gym in Tepito, one of Mexico City’s most dangerous neighborhoods. Two suspects were arrested after they opened fire on police a few blocks away from the gym shortly after the killings, he said. No police were injured. Mancera said preliminary investigations indicated the killings were part of a “personal grudge” be-

tween the killers and the victims, and he denied that the kind of large-scale drug cartel executions that have bloodied other parts of Mexico have arrived in Mexico City.

“I don’t have any indication of any cartel in Mexico City,” Mancera told the Televisa television network. “It’s not a cartel. What we have in Tepito is an upswing in violence, and an upswing in some gangs.” □



A man weeps as he is embraced by relatives outside a gym where four people were shot dead, in the Tepito neighborhood in Mexico City, Thursday, June 6, 2013.

(AP Photo/Adriana Gomez Licon)

## Bolivian villagers bury suspected killer alive

**CARLOS VALDEZ**  
**Associated Press**

**LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)** — Villagers in Bolivia’s southern highlands buried a man alive in the grave of the woman he is suspected of having raped and murdered, an official said Thursday.

Police had identified 17-year-old Santos Ramos as the possible culprit in the attack on 35-year-old Leandra Arias Janco Sunday in a Quechua community near the municipality of Colquechaca, said Jose Luis Barrios, the chief prosecutor in Potosi province where the community is located.

Enraged, more than 200 community members seized Ramos and buried him alive alongside his alleged victim Wednesday night, according to Barrios. He said residents on Thursday blocked the road to the community, preventing police and prosecutors

from reaching it.

A local reporter for an indigenous radio station, who would only speak on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals, told The AP that Ramos was tied up at the woman’s funeral. Mourners threw him into the open grave, placed the woman’s coffin in it and filled the grave with earth.

Colquechaca is a town of 5,000 inhabitants located 207 miles (333 kilometers) southeast of Bolivia’s capital, La Paz.

Also in Potosi, residents of the Quechua indigenous community of Tres Cruces on Wednesday stoned to death a suspected thief and burned his accomplice alive, Barrios said. The official said the two had earlier robbed a car and killed its driver. Lynchings sometimes occur in rural and poor parts of Bolivia where police and other authorities are scarce. □



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# Nicaragua fast-tracks vote on huge canal project

**LUIS GALEANO**  
**Associated Press**  
**MANAGUA, Nicaragua**  
**(AP)** — Nicaragua is trying to revive a centuries-old dream of building an inter-ocean canal, a project experts say could take 11 years to build, cost \$40 billion and require digging

and a careful consideration of costs and benefits, both environmental and economic. Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega presented the project just Tuesday and hopes to submit it to at least an initial vote on Monday, and gain final approval by next Fri-

unenviable. The demand will probably be there by the time the project is finished, said Jason Bittner, director of the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of Southern Florida. The question is whether the route can compete with its two

you make this large public sector investment, it will be used, as long as it's priced properly, as long as the Panama Canal isn't significantly undercutting it." Nicaragua, like Panama, which is currently expanding its own canal to handle wider ships, has lots of water. But much of Nicaragua's water is earmarked for human use, and its lush rivers are too environmentally sensitive to be simply dredged into waterways or dammed to provide water to operate locks. Panama faced few such restrictions in the early 1900s when its canal was built.

In a previous presentation of the project presented in 2006, the promoters acknowledged there would probably have to be some dam-building, perhaps on rivers as diplomatically and environmentally sensitive as the San Juan river, which runs along the border with neighboring Costa Rica. With 1.7 billion gallons (6.6 million cubic meters) of water per day needed to run Nicaragua's proposed locks, and tens of millions of tons of excavation needed — the canal will be 200 feet (60 meters) deep in places — the project looks daunting. But Bittner noted that these projects usually do. "Certainly in scope, in technology even the just effort of doing so, it is really not that much different from cutting the original

Panama Canal," he said. "I mean these things that we have done, the entire interstate highway system, these are massive projects that, if you were trying to put a lens to them, and say 'we can't get this because they're so massive,' we probably wouldn't have done them, but nonetheless, there they sit."

There are key differences: Nicaragua's canal would have to be more than three times longer than Panama's, which cuts through Central America's narrowest point. Eduardo Lugo, a Panamanian expert who worked for 10 years on traffic-demand calculations for Panama's own expansion effort and now works as a private consultant, said the length would tend to make the project less competitive. "It's very long, both to dredge it and maintain it. That is going to require high maintenance costs." The Nicaraguan canal's promoters argued in the 2006 presentation, whose calculations would now probably have to be set back seven years, that they could capture 4.5 percent of world maritime freight traffic and earn 22-percent profits by 2025, though their cost estimates at the time were much lower than the project presented this week.

Promoters say the Nicaraguan canal has a key advantage: it's not all artificial. □



Two fishermen lift their net in Lake Managua, near Managua, Nicaragua. The Central American government is trying to revive a centuries-old dream of building an inter-ocean canal. Nicaragua's government is trying to rush approval of the canal linking the Pacific to the Atlantic through the country's congress in less than two weeks in a nation that doesn't even yet have a paved road connecting the two oceans.

(AP Photo/Esteban Felix)

about 130 miles (200 kilometers) of waterway. The government is trying to rush approval of a canal linking the Pacific to the Atlantic through the country's congress in less than two weeks in a nation that doesn't even yet have a paved road connecting the two oceans. And some congressmen are asking why there's such a rush, calling for a cool head

day. Just as the Panama Canal was a projection of growing U.S. power at the start of the 20th century, the Nicaragua project is an expression of China's growing influence and financial clout around the world. Some are concerned, however, that while China's record in big infrastructure projects is solid, its track record on environmental sensitivity is

big competitors, the century-old Panama Canal and the "land bridge" of railway networks that connect U.S. West Coast ports with the East Coast. "I don't anticipate there being any reduced demand in trade between the global trading partners, so East Asia and the eastern United States will continue to have significant trade," said Bittner. "If



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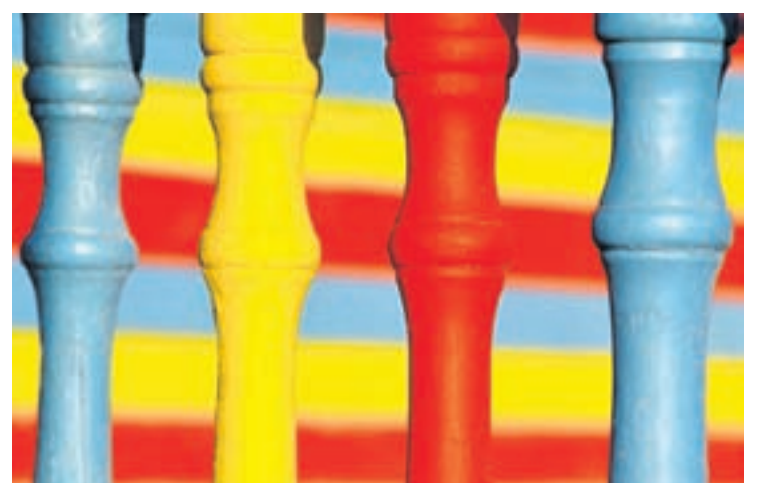
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Two emerging local photographers, Steens and Corbach have presented 42 photographed pieces according to the theme "Color of Aruba" sponsored by Aruba Experience Magazine. Both Ron and Lex were born in Holland, and Ron has been living in Aruba for over a decade now. Lex

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Ron Steens photographed a lot during his traveling and is now focused mostly on all things in Aruba. He tries to see things from a different angle and likes to photograph situations, people and places as they are and without Photo-shop.

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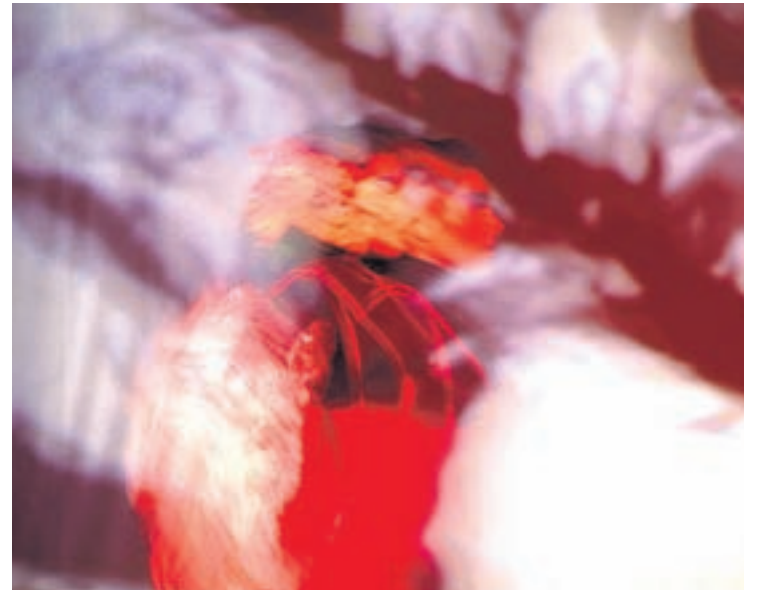
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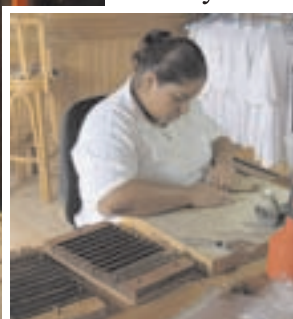
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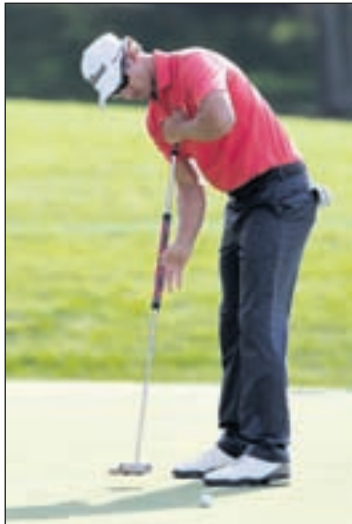
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Adam Scott, of Australia, putts during the pro-am of the Memorial golf tournament Wednesday, May 29, 2013, in Dublin, Ohio. Associated Press

## Woods, McIlroy, Scott together at U.S. Open

ARDMORE, Pennsylvania (AP) — Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy and Adam Scott will play together the opening two rounds of the U.S. Open next week at Merion.

For the third straight year, U.S. Open officials have put the top three players in the world ranking in the same group. The feature group will start at 1:14 p.m. Thursday off the first tee, and then 7:44 a.m. starting on the 11th tee Friday.

The U.S. Open disclosed the Nos. 1-2-3 group in a tweet, and McIlroy immediately responded on Twitter. "Decent group for the first 2 rounds at Merion I see ..." he tweeted.

Woods is trying to end five years without a major title. McIlroy, who has yet to win this year, will be trying to capture a major for the third straight year. Scott is the Masters champion, the only player capable of the Grand Slam this year.

This will be the first time Woods and McIlroy have played together in any round of a major.

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## TSONGA SUNG BLUE

*Ferrer brushes Tsonga aside, reaches first grand slam final*

France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga puts his racket to his forehead as he plays Spain's David Ferrer during their semifinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium Friday, June 7, 2013 in Paris. Associated Press Page 20



## U.S. Open

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They have played in the opening two rounds together at five previous tournaments — twice in Abu Dhabi, the Cadillac Championship at Doral this year (won by Woods), the BMW Championship last year (won by McIlroy) and The Barclays last year.

The USGA first went to the 1-2-3 grouping in the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines — Woods, San Diego native Phil Mickelson and Scott. Playing in front of that threesome will be former U.S. Open champions Jim Furyk and Graeme McDowell, and former Masters champion Zach Johnson. Mickelson is on the other side of the draw — starting Thursday morning on the 11th hole, Friday afternoon on the first hole. Mickelson, with a record five runner-up finishes in the U.S. Open, is joined by Steve Stricker and Keegan Bradley, his



Tiger Woods, left, talks with Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, as they wait to hit on the 12th hole during the final round of the Memorial golf tournament Sunday, June 2, 2013, in Dublin, Ohio.

Associated Press

partner from the last Ryder Cup.

In front of that group will be the power trio of Bubba Watson, Dustin Johnson and Nicolas Colsaerts.

For those wanting to see

Woods and Sergio Garcia mix it up again, that won't happen, at least for the weekday rounds. Garcia might not be thrilled with his tee, however, because he's playing with Padraig Harrington and

Stewart Cink. Garcia and Harrington, despite being Ryder Cup teammates, are not terribly close. Harrington beat the Spaniard in a playoff at Carnoustie to win his first major in the 2007 British Open, and the Irish-

man beat him again a year later in the PGA Championship at Oakland Hills.

Luke Donald, Lee Westwood and Martin Kaymer are in another group, just as they were two years ago at Congressional. □

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# Blackhawks surge past Kings, take 3-1 series lead

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The Chicago Blackhawks snapped Los Angeles' daunting streak of home dominance by beating the Kings 3-2 on Thursday, taking a 3-1 lead in the NHL Western Conference finals.

The defending Stanley Cup champions are on the brink of exiting the playoffs while the Blackhawks can seal a series victory when they host Game 6 on Saturday.

Marian Hossa scored the tie-breaking goal early in the third period and Chicago hung on to end Los Angeles' 15-game winning streak at home, including eight playoff games.

"They were playing so well at home, and to finally break that streak, we're happy about it," Hossa said. "We knew about it. We talked about it before the game. We were hoping to break it, and we got it."

Corey Crawford made 19 saves, and Patrick Kane tapped in the tying goal as Chicago rallied from a second-period deficit.

Bryan Bickell had a goal and an

assist for the top-seeded Blackhawks, who won without suspended defenseman Duncan Keith. "We knew our defense was going to step up, and they did," Bickell said. "We had a good feeling coming in. We had a bitter taste from the last game. They had a big start, but we stuck with it and eventually got it back."

Slava Voynov and Dustin Penner scored for the Kings, who had the NHL's longest home postseason winning run since 2009.

"It's an incredibly skilled team," Kings defenseman Drew Dougherty said of Chicago. "We're not getting into something we didn't know. When you turn the puck over like that at the blue lines, with the skill they have, it's only a matter of time before they put one on the scoreboard. Hopefully we learned our lesson, and we've got to win the next one."

Los Angeles hadn't lost a playoff game at home since Game 4 of the Stanley Cup finals last season, winning nine straight overall. The Kings also had been outstanding when playing with a lead in



Chicago Blackhawks right wing Patrick Kane scores past Los Angeles Kings goalie Jonathan Quick during the second period in Game 4 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs Western Conference finals, in Los Angeles on Thursday, June 6, 2013.

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# Nadal edges Djokovic 9-7 in 5th in French semis

**HOWARD FENDRICH**  
**AP Tennis Writer**

**PARIS (AP)** — His dramatic and delightful French Open semifinal was 4½ hours old — and 14 games into the fifth set — when Rafael Nadal raced from the net to the baseline to retrieve Novak Djokovic's seemingly unreachable lob.

Many players wouldn't have bothered to give chase, let alone attempt what Nadal actually accomplished: With his back to the court, he somehow sent a lob the other way by flipping the ball between his legs.

Perhaps surprised the 11-stroke point was not already his, Djokovic flubbed an easy overhead smash into the net. Two games later, Nadal flicked another, more traditional, defensive lob, and Djokovic sailed his response 5 feet long, the earlier mistake no doubt on his mind.

Three points later, the blink-and-you-miss-something match was over.

In a contest chock full of lengthy exchanges, moments of mastery and occasional lapses by both men, seven-time French Open champion Nadal returned to the final with a 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-7 (3), 9-7 victory over the No. 1-ranked Djokovic on Friday.

By the finish, it was not just a test of skill but also of stamina and perseverance, two qualities Nadal possesses in abundance.

"This one is a special one," Nadal said. "If we talk about everything that makes a match big, today we had all of these ingredients."

Except, of course, a glistening silver cup for the winner and a runner's-up tray for the loser. Those will be on offer Sunday, when Nadal



**Spain's Rafael Nadal reacts after defeating Serbia's Novak Djokovic during their semifinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium Friday, June 7, 2013 in Paris.**

faces David Ferrer in an all-Spanish final with a chance to become the only man with eight titles at any Grand Slam tournament.

"When you have a win and you have the trophy, it means more," said Nadal, who will be seeking his 12th major championship overall.

The fourth-seeded Ferrer reached his first Grand Slam final by defeating France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-1, 7-6 (3), 6-2 Friday. The 31-year-old Ferrer, previously 0-5 in major semifinals, ended Tsonga's bid to give the host country its first male champion since Yannick Noah in 1983.

"I want to enjoy this moment," Ferrer said.

That's understandable, given not only that this is his 42nd appearance in a Grand Slam tournament but also that his record against is Nadal is 4-19.

Then again, 17 of those head-to-head matches came on clay, and no one has been able to withstand Nadal's relentless, will-sapping style on that surface. Nadal is 58-1 in his French Open career; the loss came to Robin Soderling in the fourth round in 2009.

Nadal later said bad knees were partly to blame for that defeat. On Friday, he was wearing a thick strip of white tape below his left knee, which sidelined him for about seven months until February. Since returning,



Nadal is 42-2 with six titles, reaching the finals of all nine tournament's he's entered.

"For us, it's really a miracle," said Toni Nadal, Rafael's uncle and coach.

At his best against the best of his era, Nadal is now 20-14 overall against Djokovic and 20-10 against 17-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer. He is 5-0 against each at Roland Garros.

"An unbelievable match to be part of, but all I can feel now is disappointment. That's it," said Djokovic, who lost to Nadal in last year's final and still needs a French Open title to complete a career Grand Slam. "He showed the courage in the right moments and went for his shots. ... I congratulate him, because that's why he's a champion."

Djokovic's coach, Marian Vajda, was asked Friday whether there is any bigger challenge in tennis than facing Nadal on his preferred surface.

"I don't think so," Vajda said. "He's the King of Clay."

Nadal is much more than, too, having won two titles at Wimbledon, and one apiece at the Australian Open and U.S. Open, where he finished off his career Grand Slam by de-

feating Djokovic in the 2010 final. Nadal and Djokovic have played 35 times, tied for the most meetings between two men in the Open era, and this one was exceeded in length, certainly, and quality, probably, by their 2012 Australian Open final won by the Serb in nearly six hours.

Friday, though, "was a real emotional match," Nadal said.

There were bits of everything, including Djokovic's running complaint — one he continued afterward — that the court was too dry and dusty on a sunny, 82-degree (28 C) afternoon and should have been watered. Nadal shook his head when he was docked a point by chair umpire Pascal Maria for taking too much time before serving, at set point in the third, no less. Djokovic was warned for violating the same rule in the fifth set, up a break and serving at 4-3, 40-all. Right after, he ended a 15-stroke exchange with a volley smash winner, but his momentum carried him into the net, which players are not allowed to touch, so the point was awarded to Nadal, who eventually broke back there.

"Probably," Vajda said, "the most decisive point." There were plenty to pick from. □





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## Spurs rally to stun Heat in Game 1 of NBA Finals

**MIAMI (AP)** — The San Antonio Spurs returned to the NBA Finals on Thursday just the way they left — with a victory over LeBron James. Tim Duncan overcame a slow start to finish with 20 points and 14 rebounds, Tony Parker banked in a desperation jumper on a broken play with 5.2 seconds left and the Spurs withstood James' triple-double to beat the Miami Heat 92-88 on Thursday in a thrilling Game 1.

Parker ended up with 21 points after referees reviewed his shot to make sure it just beat the shot clock, giving San Antonio a four-point edge in a game that was close the whole way.

"Tony's shot is one of those things that happens sometimes," Manu Ginobili said. "We got lucky today."

James had 18 points, 18 rebounds and 10 assists in his second straight NBA Finals triple-double, but he shot only 7 of 16 against some good defense by Kawhi Leonard, and Miami's offense stalled in the fourth quarter.

Playing for the championship for the first time since sweeping James' Cleveland Cavaliers in 2007, the Spurs improved to 5-for-5 in Game 1s, hanging around for three quarters and then blowing by the defending champions midway through the fourth.

Ginobili, the third member of San Antonio's Big Three that has combined for 99 postseason victories together, finished with 13 points, and Danny Green had 12.

"It doesn't matter how we're categorized — old, veterans, whatever you call us, we're in the mix," Duncan said.

Game 2 is Sunday in Miami.

James became a champion on this floor last year in Game 5 against Oklahoma City, but he hasn't forgotten his first taste of the finals.

The Spurs overwhelmed his Cavaliers and James spoke Wednesday like someone who had payback in mind. He was 22 then, a fourth-year player headed for greatness but with holes in his game that San Antonio exploited.

Revenge won't come easily — if it comes at all.

Dwyane Wade scored 17 points for the Heat but was shut out in the fourth quarter. Chris Bosh had only two of his 13 in the final period. James shot an airball on a 3-pointer on his first shot attempt, then was soon back to the step-in-front-of-him-at-your-own-risk force that has made him the game's best player.

But San Antonio handled that and everything else Miami did, even while only shooting 42 percent from the field.

The Heat made 18 of their first 30 shots but the Spurs' defense got better as the game went on, and Miami scored only seven points in the first 8 1/2 minutes of the final quarter.

"We were a little fatigued honestly in the fourth quarter," Wade said. "Looking around, we looked like a team that came off a seven-game series."

Miami outshot and out-rebounded San Antonio in the first half, yet led only 52-49. The Heat stayed ahead until Parker's free throws gave San Antonio a 77-76 edge with 7:47 remaining.

James set up Bosh for a jumper on the next possession for his 10th assist, but Leonard made a follow shot and Parker turned James' turnover into a

spinning layup and an 81-78 lead exactly halfway through the fourth.

The lead grew to seven, but Miami was back within two and appearing ready to get the ball back when Parker lost control of the ball and his balance as the clock was set to expire. He gathered the ball and his footing, turning and tossing it in as the light above the basket turned red.

Green's 3-pointer right after James missed one pushed the Spurs' lead to seven at 88-81 with 2:12 to go, before a drive by James and three free throws by Ray Allen pulled Miami back within two, setting up Parker's basket that put it away. □



San Antonio Spurs point guard Tony Parker (9) passes the ball against Miami Heat point guard Norris Cole (30) and Miami Heat power forward Chris Andersen (11) during the first half of Game 1 of basketball's NBA Finals, Thursday, June 6, 2013 in Miami.

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# US panel calls for changes to Avandia safety measures

**MATTHEW PERRONE**

**AP Health Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — US government health experts are recommending changes to safety restrictions on former blockbuster diabetes pill Avandia, in light of a new analysis suggesting that the drug may not increase the risk of heart attack as previously believed. A majority of Food and Drug Administration advisers voted to modify or remove measures that currently limit patient access to GlaxoSmithKline's Avandia. Among other requirements, patients currently must sign a waiver that they understand the drug's risks before getting a prescription. The panel ruling is a belated victory for British drugmaker Glaxo after more than a half-decade defending the safety of its product, which was once the best-selling diabetes drug in the world. Sales began plummeting in 2007 after researchers first raised questions about possible links to heart attack. After three years of debate, the FDA limited access to the drug in 2010 and European regulators banned the pill altogether. Of the panel's 26 experts, 13 voted to modify safety restrictions on Avandia while seven voted to remove them entirely. Five panelists voted to keep the measures in place without

any changes, while one panelist voted to withdraw Avandia completely.

The vote is a recommendation to the FDA and is not binding.

The FDA convened this week's two-day meeting to consider a new analysis of Avandia's cardiovas-

bolstered their confidence that Avandia does not increase the risk of heart attack more than older diabetes medicines.

"I'm considerably reassured, in light of the reanalysis, that the magnitude of risk we're talking about here is not very great," said



**Avandia pills are displayed near the bottle in Palo Alto, Calif. The Food and Drug Administration is reviewing a new interpretation of Avandia's heart attack risk, which suggests that the drug is as safe as older diabetes drugs.**

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

cular safety performed by Duke University's Clinical Research Institute.

Researchers there reexamined the lone GlaxoSmithKline PLC study specifically designed to measure Avandia's heart risks. The original study's results have been called into question since they were first released in 2009, due to design flaws and inconsistent reporting of heart attacks. Panelists said the reanalysis

Dr. Dale Hammerschmidt of the University of Minnesota, who voted to modify the safety limits.

Under the FDA's current risk-evaluation management strategy, or REMS, Avandia can only be dispensed by specially pharmacies. Like patients, physicians must sign a waiver stating that they understand the drug's risks and that their patients have not responded to any other diabetes medica-

tions. Those requirements have essentially cratered prescriptions for the drug. Just 3,000 people in the U.S. are currently taking Avandia, down from 250,000 in 2010. Many panelists said they now believe the restrictions are too severe.

"I believe relaxing the REMS would put this on a more even playing field with other drugs with similar risks," said Dr. Elaine Morrato, of the University of Colorado. Most panelists said some restrictions are still warranted, such as patient brochures discussing the drug's risks. Panelists also favored registering patients to track their health while on Avandia.

Glaxo's chief medical officer said in a statement: "We continue to believe that Avandia is a safe and effective treatment option for type 2 diabetes."

But even if regulators relax limits on Avandia, it's highly unlikely the drug will regain its blockbuster status.

"It's very difficult to rehabilitate a drug, any drug, after it's been through a process like this," said Rebecca Killion, the panel's patient representative.

This week's meeting marked the third time that the FDA assembled its experts to answer a seemingly basic question: Does Avandia increase the risk of heart attacks? A firm answer has proved elusive, in part because patients with

diabetes are already predisposed to heart problems. That makes it extremely difficult to tell which heart attacks are drug-related and which are simply a result of the underlying disease.

The initial concerns about Avandia came from outside researchers who pooled thousands of reports of heart attack and stroke from dozens of unrelated studies. One of these so-called meta-analyses combined 42 studies and appeared to show a higher risk of heart attack among patients taking Avandia compared to other diabetes drugs.

The FDA added a boxed warning about heart attack risks to Avandia in 2007, while noting the shortcomings of the analysis that produced the concern. FDA leadership generally argues that mixing data from multiple studies can lead to misleading trends and conclusions. The agency tries to base its decisions on head-to-head controlled clinical trials, which most medical experts consider the gold standard of research.

That has focused the agency's attention on the RECORD trial, a six-year study of 4,400 patients that compared heart attack rates in patients taking Avandia versus metformin and sulphonylurea, a standard drug combination for diabetics. □

## As cancer drugs become stronger, so do side effects

**Eric Berger**

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During the past couple of decades, cancer researchers have sought to understand how the disease corrupts cells and then proliferates through the body. As they have better understood cancer's molecular underpinnings, scientists have developed more powerful drugs to target the mechanisms by which cancer thrives.

But along with more powerful drugs have come significant side effects.

So now scientists are, in turn, trying to understand the precise ways in which some of the most common

cancer drugs cause side effects, in hopes of improving the existing cancer drug or using additional therapies to target the side effect.

These efforts are beginning to show some success. Houston researchers have found precisely how a kidney cancer drug, sunitinib, damages the blood vessels leading to the heart.

"In an era of molecular and cell-specific drug development against human cancer, it is fundamental to uncover the mechanisms of off-target side-effects," said Dr. Wadih Arap, who

along with his wife, Renata Pasqualini, was among the local researchers who

made the discovery.

The husband-and-wife team, researchers at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson, recently were recruited to take leadership positions at The University of New Mexico Cancer Center. 'The whole picture'

The new research highlights several important points about cancer: The disease is incredibly complex, treatments are likely to become more complex as a result, and the range of scientific talent needed to understand cancer is broad indeed.

Solving the mystery of why sunitinib was causing heart problems required not only

cancer scientists but heart specialists as well as cell biologists like Nathan Bryan, at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. "This kind of collaboration is one of the great things about being at the Texas Medical Center," Bryan said. "To understand complex problems like, this we need to see the whole picture."

The authors of the new study, published recently in Science Translational Medicine, hail from M.D. Anderson, UT-Houston and Baylor College of Medicine.

Most of the basic research was done at M.D. Anderson, where it was led by

cancer scientist and study co-author Aarif Khakoo, who now works for Amgen, a drug company.

Khakoo said he and his colleagues wanted to understand the biological reasons for unexpected cancer drug toxicities, and they zeroed in on a class of drugs called kinase inhibitors.

Scientists previously had identified some kinases - a type of biological molecule involved in cell growth - as targets for cancer drugs. This is because certain kinds of kinases appear to enter a state of hyperactivity when cells go bad and become cancerous. □





## Is Big Data turning government into 'Big Brother'?

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

With every phone call they make and every Web excursion they take, people are leaving a digital trail of revealing data that can be tracked by profit-seeking companies and terrorist-hunting government officials.

The revelations that the National Security Agency is perusing millions of U.S. customer phone records at Verizon Communications and snooping on the digital communications stored by nine major Internet services illustrate how aggressively personal data is being collected and analyzed.

Verizon is handing over so-called metadata, excerpts from millions of U.S. customer records, to the NSA under an order issued by the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, according to a report in the British newspaper The Guardian. The report was confirmed Thursday by Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who chairs the Senate Intelligence Committee. Former NSA employee William Binney told The Associated Press that he estimates the agency collects records on 3 billion phone calls each day.

The NSA and FBI appear to be looking even wider under a clandestine program code-named "PRISM" that was revealed in stories posted late Thursday by The Washington Post and The Guardian.

PRISM gives the U.S. government access to email, doc-

uments, audio, video, photographs and other data belonging to foreigners on foreign soil who are under investigation, according to The Washington Post. The newspaper said it reviewed a confidential roster of companies and services participating in PRISM. The companies included AOL Inc., Apple Inc., Facebook Inc., Google Inc., Microsoft Corp., Yahoo Inc., Skype, YouTube and Paltalk.

In statements, Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Yahoo, AOL and Paltalk all said they only provide the government with user data required under the law. (Google runs YouTube and Microsoft owns Skype.)

The NSA isn't getting customer names or the content of phone conversations under the Verizon court order, but that doesn't mean the information can't be tied to other data coming in through the PRISM program to look into people's lives, according to experts.

Like pieces of a puzzle, the bits and bytes left behind from people's electronic interactions can be cobbled together to draw conclusions about their habits, friendships and preferences using data-mining formulas and increasingly powerful computers.

It's all part of a phenomenon known as "Big Data," a catchphrase increasingly used to describe the science of analyzing the vast amount of information collected through mobile devices, Web browsers and check-out stands. Analysts



**A military no trespassing sign is seen in front of Utah's NSA Data Center in Bluffdale, Utah, Friday, June 7, 2013. President Barack Obama vigorously defended sweeping secret surveillance into America's phone records and foreigners' Internet use, declaring "we have to make choices as a society." It was revealed late Wednesday that the National Security Agency has been collecting the phone records of hundreds of millions of U.S. phone customers.**

Associated Press

use powerful computers to detect trends and create digital dossiers about people.

The Obama administration and lawmakers privy to the NSA's surveillance say the data being collected is only dissected when there is credible evidence of a terrorist plot or other reasons to believe that national security is being threatened. The sweeping court order covers the Verizon records of every mobile and landline phone call from April 25 through July 19, according to The Guardian. It's likely the Verizon phone records are being matched with an even broader set of data, said Forrester Research analyst Fatemeh Khatibloo.

"My sense is they are look-

ing for network patterns," she said. "They are looking for who is connected to whom and whether they can put any timelines together. They are also probably trying to identify locations where people are calling from."

The Verizon data includes the duration of every call. Although the court order doesn't require it, experts suspect the NSA may also be getting some kind of data that helps determine the vicinity of the calls.

The location information is particularly valuable for cloak-and-dagger operations like the one the NSA is running, said Cindy Cohn, a legal director for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a digital rights group that has been fighting the

government's collection of personal phone records since 2006. The foundation is suing over the government's collection of U.S. citizens' communications in a case that dates back to the administration of President George W. Bush. "It's incredibly invasive," Cohn said. "This is a consequence of the fact that we have so many third parties that have accumulated significant information about our everyday lives." It's such a rich vein of information that U.S. companies and other organizations now spend more than \$2 billion each year to obtain third-party data about individuals, according to Forrester Research. The data helps businesses target potential customers. Much of this information is sold by so-called data brokers such as Acxiom Corp., a Little Rock, Arkansas, company that maintains extensive files about the online and offline activities of more than 500 million consumers worldwide. The digital floodgates have opened during the past decade as the convenience and allure of the Internet — and sleek smartphones — have made it easier and more enjoyable for people to stay connected wherever they go. "I don't think there has been a sea change in analytical methods as much as there has been a change in the volume, velocity and variety of information and the computing power to process it all," said Gartner analyst Douglas Laney. □



# Stocks jump after US jobs report beats forecasts

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AP Markets Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Steady growth in hiring last month sent the stock market sharply higher Friday. U.S. employers added 175,000 jobs in May, slightly more than the 170,000 forecast by economists, according to data provider FactSet. More Americans also began looking for work, another encouraging sign. The report gave a boost to stock market bulls, who expect the Fed to keep up its stimulus program as the U.S. economy continues to recover moderately. That combination pushed the Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index to record highs last month. The Dow Jones Industrial average had its best day in five months. It rose 207

points, or 1.4 percent, to close at 15,248.12. That gain was surpassed this year only by its 2.4 percent rise Jan. 2. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 20.82 points, or 1.3 percent, to 1,643.38. The Nasdaq composite rose 45.16 points, or 1.3 percent, to 3,469.22. Federal Reserve policy makers are now all but certain to refrain from easing back on their stimulus program at the next two-day policy meeting, which starts June 18, said Phil Orlando, chief equity strategist at Federated Investors. "This was, in our view, very much a 'Goldilocks' number," said Orlando. "There is zero chance that the Federal Reserve is going to start tapering monetary policy." The central bank is buying \$85 billion of bond every month to keep interest

rates low and encourage borrowing and spending. Low interest rates also keep bond prices high and

ly in the early afternoon. The gains accelerated in the final hour of trading. Boeing led the index high-

cent, to \$111.11. Twenty-six of the 30 stocks in the Dow rose. Nine of the 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 index rose, led by consumer discretionary stocks, which stand to benefit more than other sectors if the economy picks up. Industrial companies and banks also posted strong gains. The only S&P 500 industry group that fell was telecommunications, a so-called defensive sector that investors favor when they are seeking safety and high dividends. Stocks slumped on Tuesday and Wednesday after disappointing reports on private-sector hiring and manufacturing. The S&P 500 index lost 1.9 percent over those two days. Friday's gain erased the S&P's loss for the week. The S&P gained 0.8 percent since last Friday. □



Job seeker Craig Cline of Lincolnwood, Ill., right, meets with Jeremy Skeeters, left, and Lindy Hammel, of Aflac Insurance Co. during a career fair in Rolling Meadows, Ill. The U.S. economy added 175,000 jobs in May, according to the Labor Department, Friday, June 7, 2013. The positive jobs data lifted US markets to close higher. (AP Photo/M. Spencer Green)

push up demand for riskier assets like stocks. Stocks rose strongly in the morning, then eased slight-

er with a gain of \$2.73, or 2.7 percent, to \$102.49. Industrial conglomerate 3M gained \$2.44, or 2.2 per-

## 3G shuffles CEOs on completion of Heinz deal

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Ketchup maker H.J. Heinz Co. began a new chapter on Friday. The company, which also makes baked beans, vinegar and Classico pasta sauce, said that it completed its acquisition by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway and 3G Capital, the Brazilian investment firm that also owns Burger King. With the completion of the deal, 3G is shifting one of its partners from the helm of

Burger King to head Heinz. Bernardo Hees, 43, is taking the reins from William Johnson, who was the seventh CEO of the 144-year-old company for the past 15 years. Johnson walks away with a golden parachute of \$56 million, in addition to the \$156.7 million in vested stock and deferred compensation he accrued over his career. Back in Miami, 3G is crowning another one of its partners to head Burger King.

Daniel Schwartz, 32, had been serving as chief operating officer of the fast-food chain known for its Whopper sandwich. 3G is known for its aggressive cost-cutting at the companies it takes over, suggesting Heinz could be in store for big changes. At Burger King, for example, Hees did away with executive offices at the corporate headquarters in favor of open spaces. He sat at a desk right outside the elevators on the seventh

floor, in front of big board that was updated with daily sales reports from around the world. Hees also oversaw the re-vamping of the chain's menu to make it more like that of its more successful rival, McDonald's Corp. The moves laid the groundwork for 3G taking Burger King public again last spring, a move that helped the firm more than recoup its investment based on the chain's opening share price. 3G, which still owns

a majority stake in Burger King, has stressed that it remains committed to the chain's overhaul and growth. In announcing the Heinz deal earlier this year, Berkshire had said that it would act as a financing partner while 3G would run the company. In addition to Hees' appointment, 3G partner Paul Basilio was named chief financial officer of Heinz. Shares of Heinz will stop trading after the stock market closes Friday. □

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## Oil closes above \$96, tracking US demand

**The Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The price of oil closed above \$96 Friday, after the government said the economy added 175,000 last month, a good sign for fuel demand.

U.S. benchmark oil for July delivery gained \$1.27, or 1.3 percent, to finish at \$96.03 a barrel in New York. Oil ended the week with a gain of 4.4 percent.

The oil market's initial reaction to the report from the Labor Department was negative. Oil fell as low as \$93.72 a barrel earlier Friday. But the stock market gave the jobs numbers a thumbs-up, rising about 1 percent in early trading, and oil took off from there. At one point oil it reached \$96.39. The job growth in May was at a steady pace that showed strength in the face of tax increases and government spending cuts. But the unemployment rate rose to 7.6 percent from 7.5 percent in April. That's because more people began looking for work, a healthy sign, but only about three-quarters found jobs.

Analysts don't expect that the jobs growth is strong enough to convince the Federal Reserve to pull back on the economic stimulus currently in place. Those measures have been intended to ease long-term borrowing costs, and have had the effect of supporting the price of oil.

Meanwhile, Brent crude, a benchmark for many international oil varieties, rose 95 cents to finish at \$104.56 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London. □

## US consumer borrowing up \$11.1B in April

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

Americans borrowed more in April to attend college and buy cars and were a little less cautious with their credit cards than the previous month.

The Federal Reserve said Friday that consumer borrowing rose \$11.1 billion in April from March to a seasonally adjusted \$2.82 trillion. That's the 20th straight monthly gain and another record level.

Nearly all of the gain came from a category that includes auto and student loans, which increased \$10.4 billion. A measure of credit card use rose \$682 million. While that's only a modest gain, it follows a decline of \$906 million for the category in March.

Greater borrowing could help boost consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity.

The credit report doesn't separate auto loans from student loans. But according to quarterly data compiled by the Federal

Reserve Bank of New York, student loan debt has been the biggest driver of borrowing since the Great Recession ended in June 2009. Student loans reached \$986 billion in the first three months of this year. That's up from \$675 billion in the second quarter of 2009. At the same

time, consumers have been hesitant to run up big credit card bills since the recession. And many have remained cautious this year, reflecting higher Social Security taxes that have reduced most paychecks. Rising home prices and steady job growth have helped off-

set some of the impact of the tax increase. Employers added 175,000 jobs in April. That almost exactly matched the average increase of the previous 12 months: 172,000. Consumers increased their spending from January through March at the fastest pace in more than two years. □



**A woman is reflected in a retail store's window display in Baltimore. The Federal Reserve reported Friday, June 7, 2013, how much consumers borrowed in April.**

**(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)**

## Wal-Mart plans \$15B more in stock buybacks

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**FAYETTEVILLE, Arkansas**

**(AP)**—Wal-Mart Stores Inc. announced a \$15 billion share buyback program at its annual meeting on Friday, as the world's largest retailer faces increasing scrutiny from investors over how it has handled allegations of bribery in its Mexican operations that surfaced a year ago.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. brought the usual star power to its annual shareholder meeting, with "X-Men" and "Les Miserables" star Hugh Jackman hosting

and singer John Legend entertaining.

But the festivities took a serious turn as shareholders in the audience stood to make proposals related to safety in Bangladeshi factories, Wal-Mart's Mexican bribery scandal and executive paychecks.

The company is facing pressure to increase its oversight of factory conditions abroad following a building collapse in April in Bangladesh that killed more than 1,100 garment workers. The discounter, based in Bentonville, Arkansas, is also under scruti-

ny for how it treats its workers.

Those problems are happening as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is wrestling with slower sales growth.

Wal-Mart's annual meeting, at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville's Bud Walton Arena, attracts thousands of investors and has historically had the air of a giant pep rally.

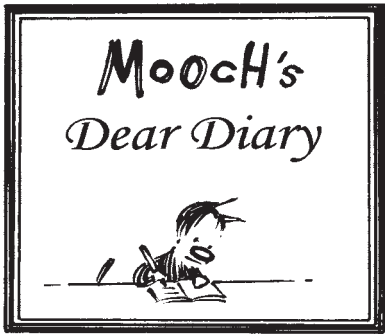
Jackman opened the event by singing a rendition of "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning."

The \$15 billion share repurchase program replaces the current \$15 billion share

repurchase program begun in 2011. About \$712 million is left under that program, Chief Financial Officer Charles Holley said. Wal-Mart is considered an economic bellwether because it accounts for nearly 10 percent of non-automotive retail spending in the U.S. The company's first-quarter results, reported last month, showed that its low-income shoppers remain under stress. While the housing market is recovering and the stock market has rallied, low-income people haven't benefited much. □



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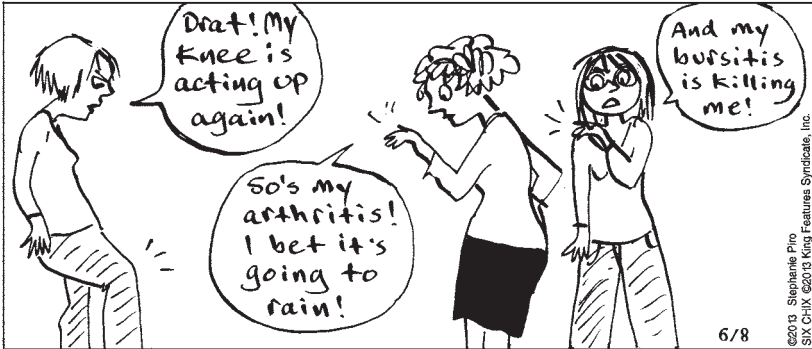
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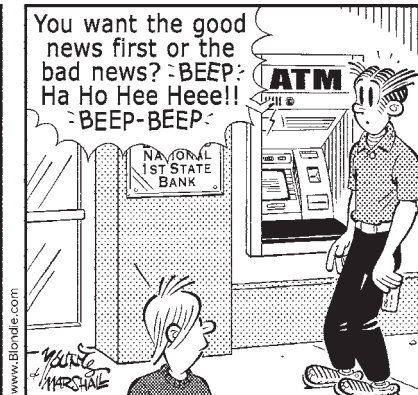
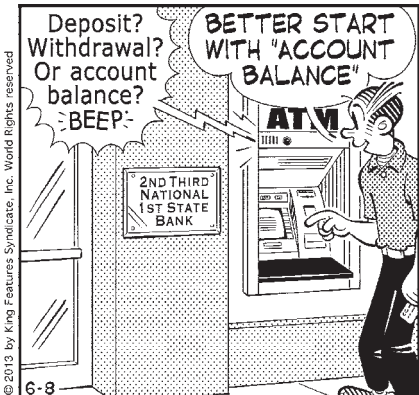
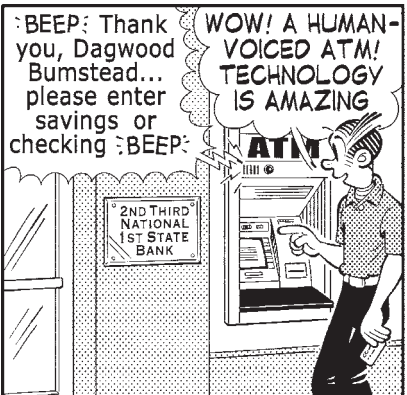
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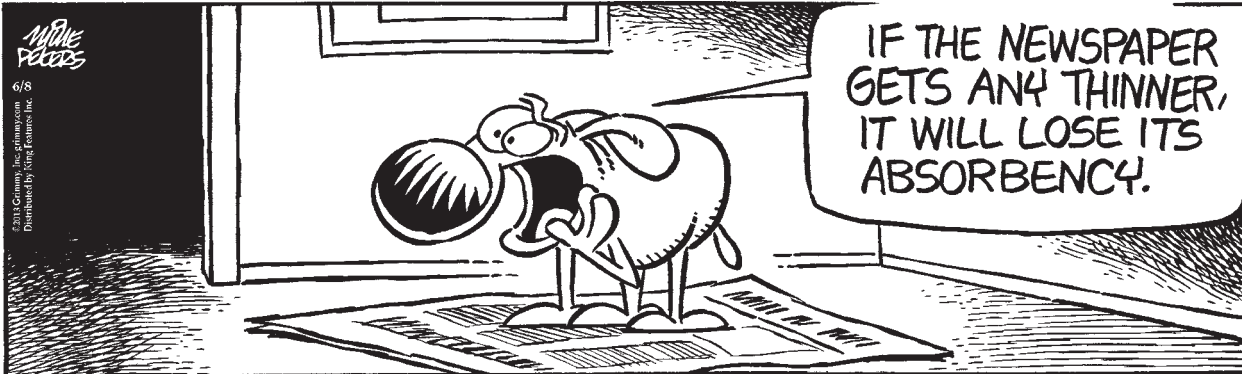
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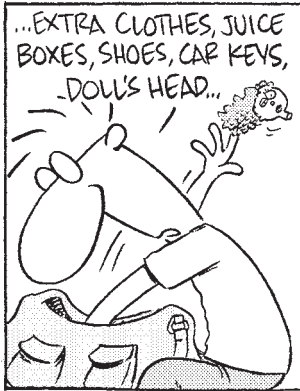
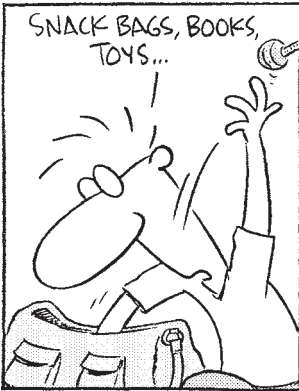
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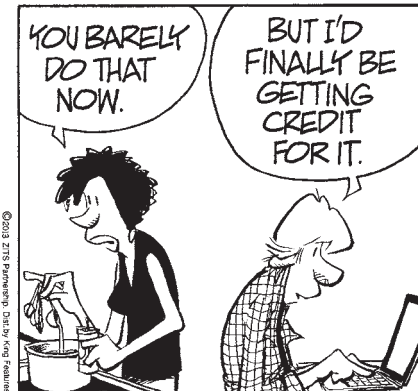
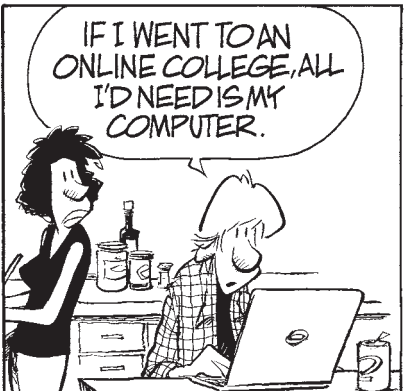
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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16 Dime or nickel  
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place award  
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eat no fat..."  
29 Card game  
30 \_\_\_ across;  
span  
34 Swimming spot  
35 Actor Michael  
J. \_\_\_  
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37 Boy  
38 Light spear  
40 Golfer Ernie \_\_\_  
41 Refrigerator  
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44 Title for Nemo  
or Hook; abbr.  
45 Prickly part of a  
rose stem  
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61 Keep for later  
62 Lion's neck hair  
63 Make joyous  
64 Balanced; fair  
65 Snow vehicle  
66 Adjust a clock  
67 Take a break

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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60 Car fuel



# An angel when a parent's wallet isn't around

PAUL SULLIVAN

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Shefali Kumar Friesen set out to create an app to allow people to send sound clips, from music to speeches to poems, as text messages. She wanted the app, called Emotitones, to have a vast digital library that would allow people to search for clips by name but also by sounds, like something to inspire or apologize.

Without venture backing and unwilling to ask her family for help, she used money from her day job as a music composer and singer to pay people to create the app, a process she found frustrating.

Then, last summer, after introducing the app in early 2012, she realized she needed to rewrite all the code herself. The only problem was she didn't know how to do it or have the money to learn.

That was when she stumbled upon a new site called Upstart that pairs investors and people who finished college or graduate school after 2008. The Upstarts, as they are called, are looking for relatively small amounts of money, about \$25,000 on average, to finance their idea or even pay off debt. Kumar Friesen, whose father is an inventor, wanted to raise \$70,000 through Upstart to learn to write code, pay legal bills from an offer she ultimately turned down and push through her patent application.

Last week, I wrote about how parents should think about lending to their children. But for many young adults, parents are not a source of financing. This is where a site like Upstart comes in.

The investors, or backers as they are called, receive a percentage of the young person's income for 10 years, regardless of whether the idea they backed is successful. If the person is paid less than \$30,000 a year, the period extends for a year to a maximum of 15 years. If the person tries to avoid repaying the

investment - as opposed to earning too little money - that investment converts into a loan with a staggering annual interest rate of 15 percent.

Dave Girouard, founder

people who would agree to give them a percentage of their income for a decade?

Backers on Upstart have to be accredited investors, which means hav-

between \$100 and \$10,000 in about two-dozen young entrepreneurs over the last month through Upstart. He did so after talking to his wife, also a business professor, about how hard it was for young entrepreneurs to get started.

"We were discussing the problem of people who had been relieved of all of their money by educational institutions," he said. "That doesn't matter much for people going into traditional professions, but it does for an entrepreneur who has a negative \$100,000 net worth."

He said he does not have high expectations for a return - about in line with his bond portfolio - but he was hoping there would be the additional upside of one or two people succeeding wildly. "It's almost like being on the board of directors of these companies," he said. "All it takes is for one of these people to succeed for it to work out." (Girouard said he projected about an 8 percent annual return after fees.)

Still, as someone who has studied entrepreneurship, Croson said there were flaws in the model. □



Shefali Kumar Friesen, who raised \$70,000 through the website Upstart to learn to write code for her app, Emotitones, at her apartment in New York, June 6, 2013. Upstart matches young people with investors who want to finance a new idea or just help pay off a student loan.

(Ramin Talaie/The New York Times)

and chief executive of Upstart, said that to ensure borrowers do not regret the deal, the amount a person could borrow is limited to 7 percent of future earnings and the payback is capped at five times the loan amount. That limits the upside on the few people who succeed financially.

"People might be paying more than they would on their fixed-rate loan," Girouard said. But, he added, the people who have gotten financing so far were comfortable with the possibility of paying back a higher amount than on a loan because it would mean their idea had succeeded.

What I wanted to know was: What did investors want to get out of this and how did they select young

ing an annual income greater than \$200,000 or a net worth above \$1 million. They can invest any amount they want, though their offer has to be accepted. They can also sign on to be a mentor.

For connecting borrowers and lenders, Upstart takes 3 percent of the money young people raise, and 0.5 percent annually of the amount a backer has invested. Girouard said the company is close to signing an agreement with a student loan processor to act as a backup if Upstart goes out of business and can no longer collect payments owed investors.

David Croson, a professor of entrepreneurship at the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University, said he had invested

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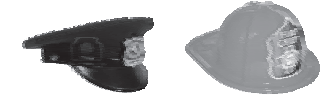
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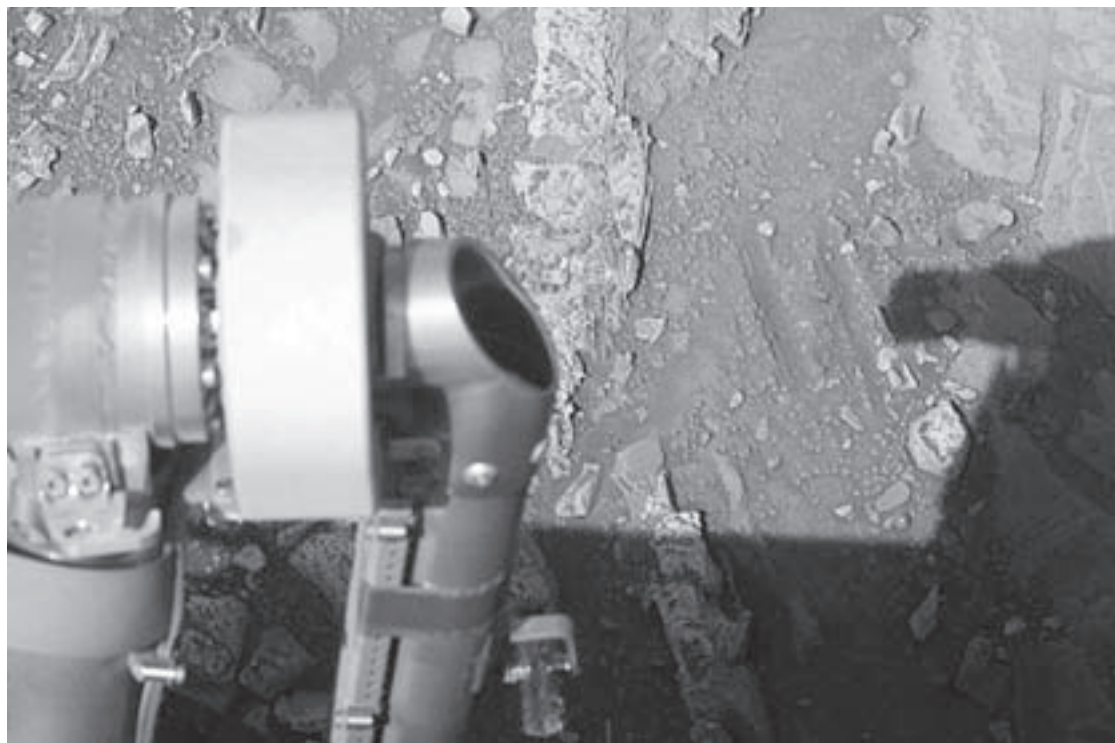


# NASA's veteran Mars rover driving to new spot

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**AP Science Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — NASA's Opportunity rover is rolling across the Martian surface again, leaving behind a clay-rich rock in search of more discoveries. Mission managers said Friday that the plan calls for arriving at its new destination — 1 1/2 miles (2 kilometers) to the south — by August so that the solar-powered rover can be in a favorable spot before the next Martian winter. Opportunity has been exploring Endeavour Crater since 2011. It's the largest of five craters examined by the six-wheel rover so far and contains some of the oldest deposits dating back to the first billion years of Mars' history.

Before trekking off last month, Opportunity used a grinder to scrape away the top layer of a light-colored rock for a peek inside. The rock was so lumpy and



This image provided by NASA shows a rock that the NASA Mars rover Opportunity recently examined. The six-wheel, solar-powered rover is leaving its current location in Endeavour Crater and headed for a new spot ahead of the next Martian winter.

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covered with crud that it took the rover several tries to crack open its secrets. Unlike other rocks that Opportunity inspected during the past nine years, the lat-

est told a different story: It contained clay minerals, a sign that water coursed through it, and formed in an environment that might have been suitable for mi-

crobes.

Previous rock studies by Opportunity pointed to a watery past on Mars, but scientists said the water was acidic.

"This is water you can drink," said mission chief scientist Steve Squyres of Cornell University.

Since landing on opposite ends of the red planet in 2004, Opportunity and its twin, Spirit, have impressed scientists with their longevity. Both outlasted their original, three-month warranty. While Opportunity continues to plow ahead, Spirit's mission came to an end when it got stuck in sand and stopped communicating in 2010.

Project manager John Callas said Opportunity showed signs of wear, but was otherwise in good health. It recently experienced a bout of amnesia with its flash memory, but Callas said it was not serious.

Opportunity is not the only Mars rover on the move. Earlier this week, NASA said its newest rover, Curiosity, will soon head to a Martian mountain. □

## Endangered Sumatran elephant killings rising in Indonesia

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)** — Poisoning or shooting killed many of the 129 critically endangered elephants that have died on Indonesia's Sumatra island in less than a decade, highlighting weak enforcement of laws against poaching, an environmental group says. WWF Indonesia said killings of Sumatran elephants are on the rise, with 29 either shot or poisoned last year, including 14 in Aceh province. The group said Tuesday that no one has been convicted or jailed in the deaths that were counted in Riau province since 2004. The report came three days after two dead Sumatran elephants were found near a paper plantation in Riau, allegedly poisoned by poachers. Another elephant was killed last month near Tesso Nilo national park and its tusks were hacked off. An autopsy found a plastic detergent wrapper in its belly filled with poison. The group said 59 percent of the dead elephants



In this June 1, 2012 file photo, reporters take pictures of a dead Sumatran elephants allegedly poisoned by poachers for its tusks, in Bireum Bayeun, Aceh province, Indonesia.

**Associated Press**

were definitely poisoned, 13 percent were suspected to have been poisoned, and 5 percent were killed by gunshots. Others died from illness or other causes, or the reason for their death was unknown. The International Union for

Conservation of Nature listed the animals as "critically endangered" after their numbers dropped to between 2,400 and 2,800 from an estimated 5,000 in 1985. Environmentalists say the elephants could be extinct within three decades

unless they are protected. The decline is largely due to destruction of their habitat. Forests across Sumatra are being logged for timber, palm oil, and pulp and paper. Sumatra has some of the most significant popula-

tions of Asian elephants outside of India and Sri Lanka and is also home to tigers, orangutans and rhinos.

"Effective action on the ground should be taken immediately to protect Sumatran elephants from extinction, especially in Riau," the report said. There are about 300 elephants left in Riau, which is part of Sumatra island.

Achmad Saeroji, head of the government conservation agency in Riau, denied the allegation of lax law enforcement, saying at least eight cases have been handled by authorities recently.

"We always investigate every case of elephants found dead," he said. "But it is hard to capture the perpetrators, either because of late reports or the fear of people to report the poachers, who work in a network."

Indonesia's elephants sometimes venture into populated areas searching for food. □



# 'Man of Steel' not altering tornado depiction

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**BURBANK, California (AP)** —

In the upcoming film "Man of Steel," Superman faces off against ruthless outcasts from his home planet. The last son of Krypton also encounters a more realistic force of nature on earth: a deadly tornado.

"Man of Steel" director Zack Snyder said there was never any discussion about altering the pivotal scene involving a twister following recent deadly storms in Oklahoma.

"He's changed by those events," said Snyder during an interview to promote the movie. "If anything, we feel like our Superman

has a connection — not to make light of it — to the kind of grief that happens during those kinds of natural disasters. Also, in a sad way, even Superman can't change that."

A top-of-the-scale EF5 tornado hit the Oklahoma City suburb of Moore on May 20, killing 24 people. Another round of violent storms that produced a separate EF5 tornado struck last Friday, leaving nearly two dozen people dead.

"It's a terrible tragedy, mother nature doing its thing," said Henry Cavill, who plays Clark Kent and Kal-El. "I hope that everyone who can salvage things can salvage things,

grieve if they need to grieve, move on from stuff and repair and rebuild, if they have the opportunity. I can't even imagine what it's like."

The tornado scene in "Man of Steel" can briefly be spotted in the latest trailers for the Warner Bros. film, which is set for release June 14.

Earlier this year, Warner Bros. released "Gangster Squad" after delaying the shoot-'em-up movie so filmmakers could rework a key scene involving an attack on a theater after the deadly shooting at a midnight screening of "The Dark Knight Rises" in Aurora, Colo. □



This file film image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Henry Cavill as Superman in "Man of Steel."

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## Judge orders inquiry in Paris Jackson wellbeing

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — An investigation into Paris Jackson's well-being has been ordered by a judge overseeing the guardianship of Michael Jackson's three children, court records show.

Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff ordered an investigator to look into Paris Jackson's health, education and welfare and recommend whether any changes are necessary on Thursday, one day after she was taken by ambulance from her family's home and hospitalized.

Authorities have said they were dispatched to the home on a report of a possible overdose, but have not released any additional details.

"There have been communications between the court and counsel and we're completely supportive of the court's actions," Katherine Jackson's attorney, Perry Sanders Jr., said Friday.

He has said the 15-year-old is physically fine and receiving appropriate medical treatment. He declined further comment on her health status Friday.

Beckloff issued a similar in-



This Jan. 26, 2012 file photo shows Paris Jackson, daughter of the late pop icon Michael Jackson, during the hand and footprint ceremony honoring her father at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles.

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quiry into the well-being of Michael Jackson's three children, Prince, Paris and Blanket, last year after an incident in which Katherine Jackson was out of communication with them for several days. The Jackson family matriarch had been taken by some of her children to a resort in Arizona, prompting an agreement that led to another guardian being temporarily instated.

Tito Jackson's son, TJ, was appointed co-guardian over the children.

"This is standard protocol in a high profile case," his attorney Charles Shultz wrote in an email.

"The court is doing what we fully expected the court to do."

The earlier report to Beckloff was not made public, although he has stated that he believed Katherine Jackson was doing a good job of raising her son's children.

Beckloff's order requires an investigator to prepare a report that only he will be allowed to review. □



In this May 2, 2013 file photo, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor is seen in Denver. Sotomayor has gotten more than \$3 million in advance payments for her best-selling memoir from her publisher.

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## Sotomayor gets another \$1.9 million for memoir

**By JESSE J. HOLLAND**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

Being a Supreme Court justice has not only been good for Sonia Sotomayor's legal career, it's also helped her bank account.

The justice reported Friday that she's received more than \$3 million in advance payments for her best-selling memoir, "My Beloved World."

Her annual financial disclosure forms show that Knopf Doubleday Group paid Sotomayor \$1.925 million in 2012 in anticipation of her book. This comes in

addition to the \$1.2 million in advance payments she received from the publisher in 2010.

The book was first released in January and has been on the New York Times' nonfiction best-seller list, including four weeks in the No. 1 spot.

The 58-year-old justice, who was the first Hispanic on the Supreme Court and President Barack Obama's first high court nominee, has traveled the country this year promoting her memoir, but any royalties and speaker fees won't show up until future disclosure forms. □





This Nov. 28, 2008 file photo, George Stroumboulopoulos poses for a photograph after winning best host during the 23rd Annual Gemini Awards in Toronto.

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## CNN trying new weekly nighttime talk show

By DAVID BAUDER  
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**NEW YORK (AP)** — It's a safe bet that George Stroumboulopoulos will be the first male CNN personality to wear two earrings and a skull ring from a designer who made one for Keith Richards.

Stroumboulopoulos, whose new nighttime talk show premieres Sunday, is more curious than dangerous, though. The show gets a solid time slot for its debut, airing after the season finale of Anthony Bourdain's successful "Parts Unknown." Then it will settle into a regular spot on Fridays at 11 p.m. Eastern for the summer and, if things go well, maybe beyond.

It's part of CNN's attempt to branch out beyond news programming at certain times, represented most prominently by Bourdain's show. The effort started before the arrival of new network boss Jeff Zucker — Stroumboulopoulos had his first contact with the network last summer before Zucker arrived — but the enthusiasm continued with the change in management.

Stroumboulopoulos hosts a nightly talk show on the CBC in Canada, where his friendly style seems to encourage celebrities to talk. "I hope that people pick up something new about

the person I'm interviewing and find out a way to relate to them," he said. "I want them to find a connection."

For CNN, the show represents an old style for a new generation. Stroumboulopoulos, 40, said his interest in politics was fueled less by politicians than by listening to the Clash and Public Enemy. He's eager to interview Snoop Lion, the former Snoop Dogg, on his show because he considers him such an important figure in hip-hop.

Rap artist Wiz Khalifa, comic Martin Short and actor Keanu Reeves are the guests on his first show.

Other confirmed interviews for the show's 10-week run include Keanu Reeves, Martin Short, Betty White, Bill Maher, Sharon Stone and filmmaker Werner Herzog. The show will tape before a studio audience in Los Angeles.

Stroumboulopoulos said he's not gunning for the job of CNN's other general interview program, Piers Morgan, and said he likes the way Morgan conducts interviews.

For the moment, he'll fit the CNN show in with a schedule that includes the CBC show (which airs twice in the evening) and a weekly music and talk program he does for a CBS radio station. □

## Scorsese, DeNiro honor Mel Brooks at AFI tribute



Honoree Mel Brooks waves to the audience after receiving his award at the American Film Institute's 41st Lifetime Achievement Award Gala at the Dolby Theatre on Thursday, June 6, 2013 in Los Angeles.

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Robert DeNiro and Morgan Freeman never worked with Mel Brooks, and the Oscar winners came to a ceremony in his honor to let him know they resent it. Brooks received the American Film Institute's 41st Life Achievement Award Thursday, and Freeman and DeNiro were among a galaxy of stars who paid tribute to the man behind "Blazing Saddles," "Young Frankenstein" and "The Producers."

Martin Short opened the program with a song-and-dance routine set to a

medley of melodies from Brooks' films.

"The word genius is used a lot in Hollywood, so I might as well call Mel one," Short said.

Billy Crystal, Amy Poehler, Sarah Silverman, Conan O'Brien, Jimmy Kimmel, Cloris Leachman, David Lynch, Larry David and Carl Reiner also honored the 86-year-old filmmaker at a private dinner at the Dolby Theatre that had the energy of a good-natured roast.

"We are going to miss you so much, Mel," Kimmel said. "You were one of the greats. Rest in peace, my friend."

David blamed Brooks for his idle years as an aspiring comedian.

"Mel Brooks didn't get me into comedy, he kept me away from it," David said, recalling how he was intimidated by Brooks' talent. "I spent years doing nothing because of him."

Woody Allen, Clint Eastwood, George Lucas, Steven Spielberg, Whoopi Goldberg and Gene Wilder were among those lauding Brooks via video.

"I don't think there's any man anywhere who's like you," Wilder said. "I love you, Mel."

Silverman and Reiner also pledged their love to Brooks.

"I hail you, king Kaminski," Reiner said, using Brooks' real surname.

Past recipients of the AFI honor include Elizabeth Taylor, Kirk Douglas, Eastwood, Spielberg, Lucas and Martin Scorsese, who presented Brooks with his award.

Scorsese put the Oscar- and Tony-winning talent in the same category as the Marx Brothers, Laurel & Hardy and Abbott & Costello. "Mel has made his own tradition of greatness, and it's that tradition — drawing from the past, honoring it, toying with it, vamping on it, extending it to places wise men, very funny men previously feared to go — that's what we're celebrating here and honoring tonight," Scorsese said. "Mel has always made his own way, and he brought us all along for the joyride." Brooks was almost all comedy as he claimed his prize. He directed an expletive at Kimmel, declaring, "I'm not gonna die." But he dropped the funny stuff to thank the institute for recognizing him and to share his lifelong love of film.

"Movies saved my life," he said. "They rescued my soul. No matter what was bad or wrong, it could be wiped out on Saturday morning." □



## The Way To Run College Sports



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So, are you convinced yet? Do you need any more proof that college presidents are not qualified to run a major entertainment industry like college football and men's basketball? That whatever their academic and fundraising skills, they are in over their heads whenever they involve themselves in the \$6 billion-and-counting business that big-time college sports has become? Besides, don't they have other things to do?

A few weeks ago, I broached this idea in a column about Holden Thorp, who is leaving the sports-obsessed University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, for Washington University in St. Louis, where athletics don't matter much at all. He was visibly relieved. His tenure as North Carolina's chancellor had been marked by a long-running football scandal that, as he himself acknowledged, his academic background left him ill-equipped to deal with.

Thorp drew criticism for saying that higher education would be better served if college presidents weren't expected to drop everything and micromanage the athletic department every time there was a problem. But look at what's happened since. First came the public clamor over the way the president of Rutgers University, Robert Barchi, has managed - or, rather, mismanaged - a scandal that began when Mike Rice, the former basketball coach, was caught on video physically and verbally abusing his players. Barchi's job may be in jeopardy, even though he has held it for less than a year. And, on Tuesday, E. Gordon Gee, the president of Ohio State, said he would retire July 1 after some crass private remarks he made in December about other college teams were reported last week by The Associated Press.

Let's take Gee first. He has been a college president forever. A prodigious fundraiser, he makes nearly \$2 million a year and was named the country's best college president by Time magazine in 2010.

Whenever the subject is sports, however, Gee turns into a blithering idiot. A few years ago, in the midst of an NCAA investigation, Gee was asked whether he was going to fire the football coach, Jim Tressel. "I just hope the coach doesn't dismiss me,"

he said. (He eventually had to ask Tressel to retire.) In the most incendiary of his most recent remarks, he said that Notre Dame had never been invited to join Ohio State's conference, the Big Ten, because "you just can't trust those damned Catholics." Gee has said plenty of, er, quirky things over the years, but it was his foolish comments about sports that got the headlines - and finally got him.

Then there's Rutgers, which, as it happens, recently joined the Big Ten, seduced by the riches that only a conference with its own cable television network can offer. To compete in its new conference, though, Rutgers needs a major athletic upgrade. Instead, it's been chaos, with Barchi right in the middle of it. First, he decided not to fire the coach. Then he fired the coach. He didn't want to fire the athletic director who had counseled against firing the coach - but had to fire him, too. Now the question is why Rutgers didn't more thoroughly vet its new athletic director, Julie Hermann, who has been accused of verbally abusing her players years ago when she coached volleyball at the University of Tennessee.

What does Barchi, a physician, know about building a modern athletic department? Nothing. His previous job was as president of Thomas Jefferson University, a medical school in Philadelphia. Before that, he was the provost at the University of Pennsylvania. He was recruited to tackle the difficult job of merging the University of Medicine and Dentistry into Rutgers, which, even before the merger, was a \$2.2 billion institution with more than 58,000 students. Rutgers' athletic teams, by contrast, have 1,000 students and a budget of less than \$36 million. Yet Barchi is spending all his time dealing with Rutgers sports - and that's all anyone is paying attention to. It's nuts.

In recent months, I've begun to hear people in college athletics talk about the possibility of culling the big-time football and basketball schools from the rest of the NCAA and letting them play by a different set of rules. A number of the major sports universities would like to see this happen, because they are tired of being henpecked by the NCAA and of being outvoted by Division III schools where athletics aren't viewed as revenue-generators. There is another reason this change makes sense, though. We could just finally be done with it: acknowledge that big-time college sports is a serious business that has to be managed by business executives who have an expertise in sports management. Let this new breed of athletic directors maximize revenues to their hearts' content, but create some real separation between the teams and the universities, and stop pretending they have any "educational" value. (And while we're at it, pay the players.) □



## Power To Preschoolers



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"Spread the word about President Obama's plan to provide high-quality preschool for every kid in America," tweeted the White House on Wednesday. We all know that nothing on the planet compares to the awesome power of social media. But it may require more than a hashtag to bring this one home. You may remember that earlier this spring the president unveiled a budget plan that included a big initiative on early childhood education. Universal pre-K for 4-year-olds! More programs for low-income infants and toddlers! Big push for higher quality! And to help pay for it all, a new 94-cents-per-pack tax on cigarettes.

Everybody was so excited. "This is going to be wonderful," said former Vice President Walter Mondale. (We will stop here for one minute and recall that, when Mondale was in the Senate, he successfully led a bipartisan effort to make quality preschool programs available to every American family. Then Richard Nixon vetoed the bill. Flash forward 42 years, and here we are, backward.)

But about Obama's plan. How could this not work out? The na-

tion's fabled upward mobility has come to a screeching halt, because low-income kids start behind in kindergarten and never catch up. Nobody has come up with a better idea for fixing the problem than early childhood education.

"People in my home state are like - 'Oh, my God! I'm so glad you're talking about this,'" said Sen. Patty Murray of Washington. Residents of Washington, you are really doing an excellent job of lobbying Murray on this issue. But, honestly, she is not your problem. Patty Murray used to be a preschool teacher. If you happen to have any relatives in Kentucky, call them up and tell them to start nagging Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

"The Leader opposes tax hikes," a McConnell spokesman said when asked about the president's plan. Notice that he did not say cigarette tax. Kentucky lawmakers are so committed to tobacco that former Sen. Jim Bunning once single-handedly held up Obama's nominee for deputy U.S. trade representative because he was angry at Canada for banning the sale of candy-flavored cigarettes. But there's something about saying "I oppose using a tax on Marlboros to fund education of low-income 4-year-olds" that people seem to find unpleasant.

I am telling you all this, because nothing major is going to happen for early-childhood education without an enormous groundswell of public demand. This is a cause that's extremely popular in theory. But its advocates have no power to reward or punish. Lawmakers who labor on behalf of preschool programs may get stars in heaven, but they don't get squat in campaign con-

tributions. And the ones who eliminate money for infant care programs have no fear whatsoever that they'll lose an election over it. Look at McConnell. The Head Start programs in his state are already shrinking because of sequestration cuts. In western Kentucky, Audubon Area Community Services has had to close 12 classrooms and lay off 42 staff members. McConnell is running for re-election, but you do not see him sending out press releases demanding more money for preschool teachers. No, he's bragging about killing an amendment to the farm bill that would have eliminated tobacco subsidies. ("I was happy to lead the fight to protect our farmers from another assault by Washington to go after our home-state jobs.")

If you want to lobby, I'd start with the Senate. The House is impossible, working under a budget that cuts spending on health and education about 22 percent below last year's level. This is part of Rep. Paul Ryan's plan to free Americans from the chains of government dependency, which proved so popular during last year's presidential race. (In this chapter, we liberate 4-year-olds from the shackles of learning the alphabet.)

In the Senate, the budget is committed to expanding early-childhood education. But to do something big, you need new revenues, and there's no mention of specific taxes. "I'm not going to say that we have to have a cigarette tax and lose it that way," Murray said.

This is really a job for the Senate Finance Committee. So you might want to reach out to Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, the chairman. □



# Sing For Hope Pianos Project has the keys to the city

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**NEW YORK** - Henry Andrews, a little boy going about town with his mother, dismounted his minisooter one day this week and, still wearing a helmet, began dancing to a jaunty Bach bourrée. He was in a small square on the edge of Lincoln Center, and the music came from a beat-up but attractively decorated silver piano played by a stranger: me.

The instrument was courtesy of Sing for Hope, the non-profit organization founded in 2006 to foster interaction between artists and communities and to make the arts accessible to the public. This is the third consecutive year of Sing for Hope Pianos, a project that has placed 88 such keyboards in outdoor locations in all five boroughs. It runs through June 16, when, in a new and ambitious initiative, all the pianos will be moved to Josie Robertson Plaza in Lincoln Center for a day of outdoor concerts before they are donated to schools, hospitals and community centers. The idea behind this project couldn't be simpler. The pianos, mostly old uprights with some well-worn grands mixed in, have been placed in squares, plazas, parks and other sites throughout the city. Each has been painted and decorated by an artist. (The silver-painted piano at Lincoln Center came from the clothing designer John Varvatos.) The instruments are available for anyone to play, from children who have never touched a piano to professional artists. Two years ago I chanced upon David Kaplan, then 26, a graduate of Juilliard, while he was playing Schumann's demanding "Carnaval" on a Sing for Hope piano in the sunken plaza in front of Alice Tully Hall. He played the whole piece!

This year I decided to take a little tour of the project. When I showed up at Lincoln Center on Tuesday, a fluid jazz pianist, Adam Bonomo, was playing breezy, vibrant music. Somehow, listening to him, I did not really mind all the traffic noise, complete with screeching trucks, on Columbus Avenue.

And when I took a turn and started playing, the noise bothered me even less, especially, to my sur-

prise, during subdued passages, including the theme and variations movement of Beethoven's "Appassionata" Sonata. People came by and listened; many took smartphone photos. All of a sudden I noticed that one of my listeners was Joseph Polisi, president of the Juilliard School, who waved.

There are summer festivals around the world where making music takes place in the open air. But playing a piano in the urban outdoors is very different. The incon-

buddies" who make sure to cover it with tarps when rain comes and who check to see that the pianos stay, more or less, in tune.

At the Dairy three young girls - Juliet and Simone Benn, twins, and Anuki Wattage - were all playing at once, trying out notes and making up little patterns. There was no banging, which impressed me. I asked if they wanted to hear me play something, which they did. So I chose the jolly first movement of Haydn's Sonata in F (Hob.

and others listened.

I was unprepared, though, to be as affected as I was when we moved to another piano in a peaceful enclave in Central Park, and I played the first of Beethoven's Six Bagatelles (Op. 126). This is late Beethoven, the last piano work he published. On the surface the first bagatelle from this group seems lyrical and soothing. But curious flights and strange happenings make the music rather mystical.

I tried that piece on each

ing 40th Street, near Fifth Avenue. This was a popular site, with lots of players taking turns, including one who performed a jazzy riff on Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto.

That people of all skill levels feel free to sit down and play emboldens you. Sloppy results do not matter. So I tried out this and that, including some Chopin. It was amazing how many pedestrians walking along 40th Street stopped to listen to the people who played.



**Mia St. Bernarde, 3, at a piano decorated by Victoria Wrubel in Rockaway Park, New York, June 1, 2013. The piano is one of 88 placed outside throughout the city by the arts organization Sing for Hope as part of its mission to provide access to the arts for all. (Philip Greenberg/The New York Times)**

gruity makes it all the more special.

So, after saying goodbye to Henry, my new buddy, I took off to find other outdoor pianos, along with two video journalists from The New York Times, Gabriel Johnson and Vijai Singh. The weather was sunny and clear, a perfect June day. On the 65th Street Transverse in Central Park, just outside the Dairy, stood a small upright painted by the scuba diving artist Izabel Lam, all aqua blue, with sea creatures, including Opus the Octopus. This piano had the advantage of being under a covered walkway, which protects it from the weather. Yet each piano, no matter how exposed, has a volunteer team of "piano

XVI/23), a piece full of quick turns, surprise chords and fancy runs.

It was rather hard to dispatch one passage where a crucial repeated note fell on a key that kept sticking. But my young listeners liked it so much that a couple of them joined in, one girl playing clusters in the high register (absolutely in time with the beat), and the other playing tolling notes in the low bass. It sounded sort of good. This was very urban Haydn.

For a while we played a musical game, in which I had one girl try to play the notes of the C major scale (all white keys), holding each one four beats as I thumped accompanying chords, while parents, baby sitters

piano I played. At a special place in Central Park, Cherry Hill, west of Bethesda Terrace, there was a mini-upright piano near a watering trough for horses pulling carriages. This endearing instrument, decorated by the artist Amanda de Souza (with lettering spelling out "Play Me" and "Hello Friend"), faced out on a tranquil pond. All his life Beethoven was a sucker for natural beauty, so this seemed an ideal setting for that ruminative bagatelle.

At the New York Public Library I found "Mosaic Piano," a small upright decorated with paint, glass tiles and porcelain pieces by the artist Kathleen Ruel, in the elevated side plaza fac-

My tour concluded with an appearance on the grounds of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, where there was a small piano in the area behind that strange maelstrom of a sculpture at the center of the Peace Fountain. This stop became another dance event as I played for - and with - two small children, Teddy Glazek and Joey Reiss, who seemed intrigued by seeing music, however modest, being played live by a person they could speak with, outdoors in a neighborhood.

They too started dancing, holding hands, to the music of Haydn and Bach. One delight of that day was finding out how easy it was to get little children to dance. □